more or less unscathed; and

whose shaley position is being

viewed with growing alarm by State Department officials.

Mr Baker is flying to Mos-

cow next week for talks on

strategic arms reductions

which are crucial if a Start

treaty is to be ready for signing

The White House said yes

terday that Mr Bush and Mr

on the question of Mr

Gorbachov had touched brief-

Gorbachov's reported inten-

tion — denied by the Soviet

leader - to give up the leadership of the Soviet Com-

Mr Richard Cheney, the

American Defence Secretary,

told reporters in Washington

on Tuesday that the US was

aiming for the eventual with-

drawal of all Soviet troops

from Eastern Europe once the

present round of arms control

talks were completed, with the

US retaining only a modest

Mr Cheney, under fire for failing to make deep cuts in

the 1991 Pentagon budget, suggested there were huge

savings to be made in the

Mr Bush's proposals would

certainly win the support of

The US dollar fell sharply

yesterday after rumours that

President Gorbachov was

about to step down, but recovered after his denial to close 20

points down at \$1.6805 to the

Communism collapse 8, 9

Network report that he was

about to resign, which pur-ported to emanate from within the Politburo, was

"I have no intention of doing so," he said with characteristic directness. "No

one has said this and I

certainly didn't make any such

In a highly unusual move,

Tass also carried the Soviet

leader's denial, quoting him as

saying "Evidently, it is in

Mr Gorbachov told the journalists that Tuesday eve-

statement. Any such sugges-

without foundation.

tions are groundless."

munist Party.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1 1990

Bush signals massive troop cuts in Europe

Force level to be well below Vienna ceiling

From Peter Stothard and Martin Fletcher, Washington

tings, repeated long-standing

British warnings that Eastern

were dangers in looking be-

Mr Bush personally tele-phoned President Gorbachov

and the Soviet news agency

discussed "current issues con-

cerning the international sit-

nation, mainly in Europe, and

on the prospects for arms

reduction talks." It was the

first time the two leaders had

spoken since the Malta.

Mr James Baker, the US

Secretary of State, told report-

ers the call "had to do with

President will have tonight in

his State of the Union mess-

age, and beyond that I am not

going to say anything further."

The administration's acc-

eleration of its plans to get

American forces out of Europe
— including the closure of 12

foreign bases announced on

Monday - has caught Euro-

The White House has been

driven by two rapidly-intens-

ifying pressures: the need to

win Congressional support for

From Mary Dejevsky

President Gorbachov yes-

terday dismissed out of hand

an American report that he is

about to resign as General Secretary of the Soviet Com-

Talking to journalists at a photo-call before meeting Senhor Fernando Collor de Mello, President-elect of Bra-

zil, Mr Gorbachov said he was

preparing for important de-cisions on the Soviet Union's

The Soviet leader's em-

phatic denial came as evi-

dence mounted that a top-

level debate is in progress

ahead of next week's Central

Committee plenum about the

nature and composition of

both the Soviet party and state

ning's American Cable News

allowed his books to be burned when

the sect told him they were "satanic

literature". He claimed that after he

was put into a "trance" he handed

munist Party.

power structure.

Gorbachov quashes

resignation rumour

pean diplomats by surprise.

Tass said the two leaders

Moscow yesterday morning

yord that.

Genscher on Nato.

Leading article...

The United States is The Prime Minister has severely criticized for cutting accelerating plans for repeatedly opposed moving domestic programme while sweeping cuts in super-towards a new round of leaving defence spending power forces in Europe conventional arms reductions before the existing round has the need to shore up the been implemented. And as position of Mr Gorbachov that go far beyond those being negotiated at talks late as yesterday morning, Mr with the Warsaw Pact in Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence who is in Washington for top-level mee-

President Bush telephoned President Gorbachov yesterday morning and discussed the proposals he was expected to outline in his first State of the: Union speech to the American nation last night.

The Vienna Conventional Forces in Europe talks, which could be completed this sumthat fundamental changes in Nato's military posture were mer, would place a 275,000 ceiling on Soviet and Ameri-He said nothing should be done which undermined can forces; but the President is Nato. Simply consummating a now said to want "steepish" first Conventional Forces in cuts that could take the ceiling Europe treaty would be a down to about 200,000. major achievement and there

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was told earlier this week that the President intended to give a push to conventional arms ction in Europe, but she is

INSIDE



 Today marks the sixtieth anniversary of The Times Crossword -the most famous puzzie in the world. To mark the event we are publishing

The Times Diamond Jubilee Crossword, the biggest we have ever compiled, and as challenging as any

bublished since February 1, 1930. The fourth set of clues to this prize puzzle appears on page 11

Portfolio **PLATINUM**

 There was one winner of yesterday's Portfolio Platinum competition: see page 3. Today's chance to win £2,000 is on page 31

Our Science & Technology section pages 35 to 38 - reports on a bid by astronomers to prove one of Einstein's most baffling theories

Heart op baby fights for life

The world's first heart operation on an unborn baby was performed to prevent the almost certain death of the child in the womb, surgeons have

The baby boy, Michele Vermilio, now aged four weeks, whose parents live near Colchester, Essex, is struggling for life on a ventilator at Guy's Hospital, London Page 3

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Bible belt donor sues sect to get back £23,000 By Kerry Gill An hotelier in the Moray Firth "Bible belt" told a court yesterday how he became obsessed with the beliefs of a religious sect which talked him into giving up all his worldly possessions to achieve eternal salvation. Saying he failed to receive redemption from the power of sin, Mr Ernest Anderson is now suing the sect for more than £23,000 at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. Mr Anderson said that after becoming attached to the doctrines of the Ohiteery On This Day ... Beacon Fellowship, established in the fishing port of Buckie 11 years ago, he

fellowship. He now wants the cash

Detailing some of the occurrences while he was a follower, Mr Anderson told of how Pastor James Addison, of the fellowship, prayed and laid his hands on him speaking in a slow, hypnotic voice. He claimed that he was left in a two-day-long trance and acted "like an automaton", lacking

He alleged that on that occasion he gave £9,000 to the fellowship and several days later, after a late-night prayer and indoctrination session, he handed over a further £13.500 and later gave £600 to "someone who was blind". Mr Anderson, of Rosern House, Echt, Grampian, alleges that

over donations of £23,100 to the these donations were taken by the members of the fellowship from him by fraud and circumvention on the part of the members. He also is claiming that because he handed over money while in such a frame of mind, the fellowship was not entitled to keep

> Lord McCluskey said Mr Anderson owned an hotel in Buckie which included a hall. The fellowship hired the hall on some occasions, but Mr Anderson agreed to sell the hall to the sect for £25,000 with entry date. Lord McCluskey said it was claimed that a month or two before the date of entry in 1985, representatives from the fellowship visited Mr Anderson and pressed their religious practices on him". It was said that at the time he

suffered a manic depressive illness. Lord McCluskey said it was claimed that the sect preached that money was valueless and exhorted him to renounce all his possessions.

Lord McCluskey said that there was sufficient in Mr Anderson's claims to warrant evidence being beard.

Last night, Pastor Addison - known locally as Pastor Jim - said from his home in Buckie: "It is very sad when you are being accused of something which is totally wrong and never took place."

He said that as a result of the action, the church's assets had been frozen. "But when you read the Bible, the Apostle Paul had much more difficulties than we have."

Five die as Kosovo protests are crushed



Masked might: Yugoslav militiamen using tear gas to crush a protest by 3,000 ethnic Albanians, including women and children, at Podejevo in Kosovo, the troubled region where five people died yesterday during demonstrations demanding free elections and a multi-party system. Serb ultimatum, page 7.

Dirty tricks in Ulster

Thatcher: I was misled

The Government yesterday launched a second investigation into the Colin Wallace affair after the Prime Minister admitted she had been personally misled over the existence of a black propaganda operation by security agencies in Northern Ireland in the 1970s.

Senator Sam Nunn, the key figure on defence issues on Capitol Hill, At the end of last The new inquiry by the Ministry of Defence will inmonth, he suggested US vestigate how confidential papers about the dismissal of forces in Europe could be the former senior Army safely reduced to between information officer went miss-200,000 and 250,000. ing and were not brought to Senior British diplomats in the attention of ministers Washington moved on Tueswhen they denied the op-

day night to clarify Mrs eration. Thatcher's opposition to an immediate second round of Conventional Forces in Europe talks. It was suggested that conventional cuts beyond those being negotiated in Vienna need not necessarily be discussed within the CFE a 1991 budget which has been framework.

By Nicholas Wood and Michael Evans They referred to the They referred to the When questions were raised involvement of Mr Wallace in in the Commons, ministers

the secret campaign in Northern Ireland in the early 1970's and were uncovered by an MoD official as he searched through the archives for job appointment application re-

As Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, prepares to make a Commons statementtoday, the background of information officer in Ulster how officials discovered the from 1968 to 1975 when he two documents relating to the Clockwork Orange propaganda operation emerged.

Falklands

oil boom

forecast

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Editor

The Falklands could become

"another Aberdeen" when its

Government introduces leg-

islation soon to allow oil ex-

ploration, given the right diplomatic and commercial climate, Mr David McErlain,

hairman of the Falklands

Islands Company, has

Some industry sources be-

There has already been a

flurry of interest from com-

panies lured by the prospect

that improved Anglo-Argent-

ine relations could make

exploitation viable. The Falk-

land Islands Company hopes

There are growing hopes

to service oil rigs for explora-

lieve that an exploration boom is only a few years away.

predicted.

tion firms.

Continued on page 22, col 7 renew diplomatic relations.

answer on the basis of the limited trawl through the

any reference to Mr Wallace's investigation.

Moynihan set for

new drug inquiry

Mr Colin Moynihan, the Min- steroids at the Common-

Background. Parliament.

claimed secondary role in "psyops" — psychological warfare operations because officials had only examined Mr Wallace's personal file which charted his career as an Army was sacked for leaking a restricted document to a

ister for Sport, yesterday left

for New Zealand ready to set

up a new inquiry into drug-taking in British sport, as two

Welsh weightlifters flew home

after positive tests for banned

GAMES

When questions were raised records. The Prime Minister was one of those caught out by

However it is understood that officials at the MoD decided to carry out a wider

The second document recorded an oral description given to Mr Wallace of a covert role he would also be expected to play. It was this document which referred to Clockwork Orange.

Mr Wallace has claimed that he was victimized because he exposed dirty tricks and black propaganda cam-paigns in Ulster when security forces were competing for supremacy.

wealth Games in Auckland.

Mr Moynihan, who is

attending the Commonwealth

Sports Ministers Conference,

is hoping to collaborate with

Sebastian Coe in a further in-

vestigation to the one that the

pair conducted in 1987. The

inquiry was being mooted before the latest incidents at

the Commonwealth Games

but the incidents in Auckland

give the investigation, which

will largely centre on weight-

lifting, particular importance.

Last month, the British

Sports Council announced an

inquiry into weightlifting, and

yesterday the Sports Council

of Wales said it would in-

dependently be investigating

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Leading article...

Inquiry call ...

Weights obsession...

Firemen fly in to tackle ferry blaze

Fire crews were flown to a ferry in the Irish Sea yesterday after an engine room blaze left it drifting without power in 20st waves and gale-force winds. Three RAF belicopters

landed 14 fire fighters and

equipment on the pitching deck of the 8.000-tonne Sealink ferry, St Columba. Crew abandoned the port

and crowded public areas. engaged in firefighting were issued with life jackets and mustered at lifeboat stations.

The fire crews controlled the blaze quickly. However, attempts to restart the starboard engine failed. After drifting for four hours, the ferry was taken under tow and brought to Holyhead harbour.

was 10 miles west of South Stack, Anglesey, on a crossing from Dun Laoghaire, when the captain put out a mayday. Three semor fire officers from Gwynedd, flown to the

ferry by helicopter from RAF Coasts suffer. Trees reborn

lowed through the car deck Valley, Anglesey, called in the nd crowded public areas. extra fire fighters when a Passengers and crew not second, smaller blaze was found in the ship's funnel.

The fire brigade at Holyhead said: "Conditions were not very pleasant. It was gale-force, reaching force nine in gusts, and the ferry was going up and down like a vo-vo.

The coastguard at Holyhead said: "The weather was pushing the ship to the south-west All 199 passengers and 86 away from the land, so there crew were reported to be was no immediate danger of unharmed. The St Columba running aground."

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Background to revelations over Operation Clockwork Orange

Allegations reopen the case of Wilson 'smear campaign'

The allegations made by Mr was involved, was taken over Colin Wallace of a "dirty tricks" campaign waged by the Labour Party. It is this security services during 1974 exercise to which Mr Wallace

Information. The story has Wilson himself was KGB-controlled; that Hugh Gait-tricks or the Labour Party. It is this exercise to which Mr Wallace

Transworld, who told the KGB to bring Mr Wilson to and 1975 against Mr Harold Wilson and other leading poli-ticians began to surface in the left-wing press in 1986, and contribute. overlap, in part at least, with the claims of Mr Peter Wright Mr Wallace states that

in Snycatcher. Mr Wallace has written: "Information supplied by the CIA and the security services (MI5) was used to justify a number of in-depth investiga-tions into Harold Wilson's activities and those of other Labour MPs/supporters to find out if sufficient 'hard evidence' could be gathered to wreck the Labour Party's chances of gaining power...

"When the investigations failed to uncover anything of value, elements within the security service, supported by others in Whitehall, including former members of the Intelligence and Security Services, embarked upon a disinformation campaign to achieve the same objective."

It was at this point that Wallace claims that "Clockwork Orange", a covert opera-tion aimed at destabilizing extremist groups in which he

claims, as an Army information officer serving in Northern Ireland, he was asked to

smear stories against prominent politicians were then distributed through a number of news agencies, many of them based in the United States, including the Information Research Department, North Atlantic News Agency, the Transworld News, Forum World Features and Preuves



Lord Wilson: Alleged target of dirty tricks campaign.

been partly corroborated by Controlled; that Hugh Cantrolled; that was offered "derogatory ma-terial" on 11 MPs - a Conservative, two Liberals and eight Labour - including Mr Har-

Dr von Rothkirk became suspicious because money was never requested for the ma-terial. "They were far more interested in knowing that their material might go out on the international wire

The main smears seem to have surrounded the former Prime Minister, Mr Wilson (now Lord Wilson of Rievants).

Mr Wallace has listed 10 mears he claims he was asked

Several of the smears concerned Mrs Marcia Williams, a Wilson aide. Other smear said that Mr Wilson had refused to allow MI5 to carry out positive vetting of some members of his staff because it would have revealed them to be Communist agents; that a KGB cell was operating inside 10 Downing Street; that Mr

Vayganskas, an acquaintance of Lord Kagan, that senior Labour politicans were involved in income tax fraud; that more than 30 Labour MPs were active Communists; and that Mr Edward Short, the deputy leader of the Labour Party, had a secret bank

account in Switzerland, A number of those are also duplicated in the claims of Mr Peter Wright.

Mr Wallace has also provided a list of MPs he says were on a list of targets he was given for "psy-ops" (psycho-logical operations). Those in-clude Dame Judith Hart, Mr Kevin McNamara and Mr All of them have reported

curious events at the time that

Mr Wallace alleges the smear campaign was at its height. The smears Mr Wallace claims he was asked to disseminate also covered Mr Edward Heath and the then leader of the Liberal Party, Mr

Jeremy Thorpe.

High seas batter coastal resorts



The owners of the Greek blamed

Mr Theodore Var that the Flag Theo brought into a sale harbour. Instead, it was told to ride out the storm at sea. "Lives could

have been saved," he said. The Flag Theofano, carryg 4,000 tonnes of cement tween Le Havre and Southipton, was advised to anchor off the Isle of Wight after the weather worsened. The ship and its 19 crew vanished during the night without send-ing a mayday. Two bodies have been found. Captain John Read, South-

ampton's assistant harbour master, said: "There was no way the pilot launch could get out to the vessel and the ship The body of an Irish naval rating was found after an infla-table lifeboat capsized during the rescue of the 16-man crew of a Spanish trawler in Bantry Bay, Ireland, yesterday.

 Up to three million trees were blown down during the storms last week, the Forestry sion said. Up to one million trees were lost in

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NEWS ROUNDUP

More than 1.5m unlicensed TVs

Evasion of television licences is costing each licensed viewer £6 a year, Sir Clive Whitmore, Permanent Secretary to the Home Office, told the Commons Public Accounts Committee last night (writes Nigel Williamson). At the end of 1989, 1.6 million households were believed to be viewing television without a licence. Another 800,000 households were estimated to be operating colour sets while holding a monochrome licence.

There were now 19.5 million licence holders. The £5 increase in the colour fee in April would be unnecessary if evasion could be stopped. MPs were told that the area with the highest level of evasion was Northern Ireland.

Sex attacker confined

Ted Adcock, who indecently assaulted two female members of staff at Durham prison where he was being held awaiting sentence for indecently assaulting Veronique Marot, a marathon runner, last month, was put on probation for three years yesterday on condition he is treated on a secure ward at a mental hospital. Magistrates at Bedlington, Northum-berland, were told that Adcock, a bachelor aged 58, of Bedlington, admitted all three assaults.

Ford strike spreads

The wildcat strike by Ford craftsmen spread last night as workers snubbed union officials and continued their unofficial dispute in defiance of the company's 18.2 per cent (Kevin Eason writes). About 150 maintenance men walked out at Dagenham in Essex, joining 550 craftsmen at Halewood, Merseyside, who have been on strike for more than two weeks.

Airlines seek redress

Airlines are preparing to claim compensation through the courts for losses incurred as a result of hoax bomb warnings or disruption to services by unruly passengers (Harve Elliott writes). British Airways is demanding up to £30,000 for a five-hour delay to a Geneva-Heathrow flight when two passengers, stuck in a traffic, allegedly rang the airline to say there was a bomb on board. Britannia, who diverted a flight when a man became violent, are seeking £1,400.

Police leak inquiry

London police and the Police Complaints Authority have set up a leak inquiry into how BBC television received details of a report prepared by Northampton police critical of the police handling of the demonstration outside News International's Wapping plant three years ago (Stewart Tendler writes). The inquiry will be carried out by Mr Trefor Morris, chief constable of Hertfordshire, who is scheduled to become an inspector of constabulary next month.

More mail on Sunday

The introduction of Sunday postal collections is to be speeded up, the Royal Mail said yesterday. The service is being introduced ahead of schedule with the aim of starting collections nationwide by the autumn. Collections will begin in Perth, Glasgow, Inverness, Aberdeen and Carlisle by the month and in Perth. by the end of this month, and in Preston, York, Bolton, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham in March.

£1.5m pools winner

A plumber who earns £300 a week was yesterday presented with a cheque for £1,505,443, Britain's biggest pools win, by Jerry Hall the model, Mr Alan Hepden, aged 35, of Witney, Oxfordshire, won the Littlewoods jackpot thanks to a 94th minute equalizer by Reading in their FA Cup tie against Newcastle on Saturday. At a reception at the Savoy Hotel, London, Mr Hepden, who is unmarried, said: "I will be back at work on Monday — clients are depending on me."

Polaris submarines face reactor checks

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

was yesterday checking the Resolution Class Polaris ballistic missile submarines after the discovery of a hair-line crack in the primary cooling system of one of the Royal Navy's oldest nuclearpowered boats.

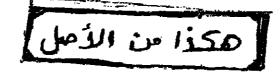
Since the fault was found on HMS Warspite, a Valiant Class submarine, during a refit, the overriding concern has been to clear the Polaris boats because of the need to maintain a non-stop patrol cycle.

With one submarine in refit and one out on patrol, the team of engineers went to Faslane on the Clyde, home of the Polaris boats, to check the other two submarines, one of which is "working up" to take

A team of "troubleshooters" over patrol duties. It was emphasized that although all four Polaris submarines would have to be checked that would not affect the Royal Navy's gustantee of having at least one Polaris boat on patrol for 365 days of the year. The submarine now on patrol would be checked when it returned to Fasiane.

It was believed that the fault Warspite, the second oldest in the fleet of 20 nuclearpowered submaring probably age-related.





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Private hospitals charge £7 a plaster and £2 an aspirin

A private hospital patient was charged £168 for a cottonwool swab, another £7 for a plaster, and a third £68 for an injection costing less than £4, a report disclosed yesterday.

The report was the result of a survey by Western Provident Association (WPA), which said some hospitals have been adding up to 2,500 per cent to bills in invisible charges", mainly for drugs and medical supplies.

The medical director of the The medical director of the British United Provident Association (Bupa), the country's largest private health-care organization, agrees that private hospitals "have an excessively high mark-up" for drugs and dressings. Yet it was a Bupa hospital that supplied the £168 swab.

The survey discovered that other independent hospitals charged almost £7 for dis-posable razors valued at 7p; £2 for an aspirin, and £4 for a 25p pair of surgeon's gloves. Two patients were overcharged £800 for their rooms.

Mr Julian Stainton, managing director of WPA, a Bristolbased medical insurance company with half a million subscribers, said: "There is a fantastic disparity between charges. Private hospitals can charge whatever they want; we think that they should be obliged to display a tariff."

Mr Stainton believes high prices are being charged for "invisibles" to keep down room charges. WPA cited Bupa figures showing that while the price of a room was

By David Sapsted

nearly two and a half times submitted exaggerated claims what it was in 1980, there had but this is not the norm." been a ninefold increase in the cost of "invisibles"

Mr Stainton said he had Bupa hospital at Roundhay Hall, Leeds, but could not establish whether it was for one swab or more. On the same £50,000 bill for a heart patient, swabs were also charged at £42 and £1.21. Bupa was unable to explain the disparity, but said "every now and again errors do

AMI, an American-owned group that recorded a £20 million profit last year, was charging £1 for each suture at one London hospital and £6.47 at another, the survey — commissioned in the wake of subscribers' complaints about rising premiums - said.

"No reason is ever given for these discrepancies," Mr Stainton said. He added that at least 700 hospital invoices a to be seven million men and day needed investigation be- 8.6 million women over 60. cause of what appeared to be blatant overcharging

The Independent Hospitals' Association, however, said that while the WPA's examples were "obviously unjusti-fied and wrong", it considered them isolated and misleading. Mr Tony Byrne, chief exec-utive, said: "Organizations such as Bupa and PPP nego-tiate their prices directly with independent hospitals, while but this is not the norm."

In a letter obtained by The Times, Dr Eric Blackadder, Mr Stainton said he had Bupa's group medical director, says: "We have found that not only do private hospitals any site" on a bill from the have an excessively high mark-up, sometimes 200 or 300 per cent, but the quantities are also excessive.

"I am afraid the only thing we can do is to check meticulously a sample of hospital bills and query high mark-ups. A 100 per cent mark-up might be reasonable to cover the cost of pharmacy, administrative, storage and other costs, but a factor of five or even tenfold is not acceptable. • The cost of the National

Health Service is expected to rise by 50 per cent within 40 years, solely because of the increase in the number of elderly people, according to a report published yesterday (Our Social Services Corres-By 2028, there are expected

compared with 4.8 million and 6.7 million in 1988. The biggest expanding age group is the over 85s, which will increase from 191,000 men and 589,000 women in 1988 to a projected 461,000 men and 895,000 women by 2028.

A model prepared by the Institute of Actuaries suggests that the cost of bealth care, now about £20 billion, would rise to £30 billion in 2028 for WPA does not. It is possible the same level of services at that one or two may have constant prices.



Tribute to 'father of the 'sns'

Miss Virginia McKenna and her husband Mr Bill Travers with a drawing of

August. They hope to produce a limited edition of 850 prints of the work by Gary George Adamson, the conservationist Hodges. The proceeds will go to a fund known as "father of the lious", who was for the preservation of the Kora national mardered by poachers in Kenya last park in Kenya which was founded by Mr

Adamson. Miss McKenna, who starred as Mr Adamson's wife Joy in the film Born Free, was among the speakers at a memorial service for Mr Adamson in

PORTFOLIO Winner

to buy new car

The winner of today's Port-folio Platinum, Mrs Mabel Elizabeth Rose, will spend her £2,000 prize money on a

"My husband is partly disabled, so it would be very eseful to have a car with power steering," Mrs Rose, aged 62, of Cowling near Keighley, West Yorkshire, said. "We often go out for the day in the Yorkshire Dales and have holidays in Scot-

band Felix, who are both retired school teachers, have been entering the com-petition since it started.

Charities gain from art award

uefit two charities is a £25,000 award scheme launched at the Royal College of Art yesterday (Simon Tait writes).

The Contemporary View Awards for 1990, an exhibition of 180 of the best pieces, will be mounted at the RCA next November, judged by a panel of art critics, scholars and artists.

The works will then be auctioned for up to £200,000 in aid of the British Teenage Cancer Appeal and the Royal College of Art Student Fund by Chris-

The winner will receive £15,000, with £10,000 going to

Legal fight on Clarke reforms

By Jill Sherman Social Services

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, was accused in the High Court yesterday of "jumping the gun" in spending millions of pounds of public money on health service reforms before legislation

had been introduced. A group of leading hospital consultants led by Professor Harry Keen of Guy's Hospital, is seeking a court declaration that preparatory work for setting up National Health doctors are also seeking a

court order to prevent further preparation going ahead. Professor Keen said yesterday that he had the backing of 3,000 consultants who have pledged more than £250,000

to fund the legal action. Already, 79 institutions including Guy's Hospital, are preparing applications to set up trusts. The Government has spent £85 million in the current financial year and plans to spend a further £300 million from April to introduce key changes, such as self-governing hospitals. However, the National Health Service and Community Care Bill is unlikely to receive Royal Assent before July, nine months before the April 1991 date set for its introduction.

Mr James Goudie QC, appearing for Professor Keen, told the court that the "first wave" of self-governing hospitals would virtually be created by the time the Bill became law. "The constitutional principle - legislation first, implementation second — will be turned on its head."

the cost of living in London and the strain of working in conditions which, they say, would be condemned in industry. The minister and the health authorities were "seriously misdirected" in preparing Launching their campaign, the Secretaries and Assistants Council say they believe their salaries should not be left to the generosity of the MPs who employ them. A confidential applications for a new status for which no legislative recognition yet existed, he said. The hearing continues today.

Door opens to more operations on unborn

Commons secretaries seek pay rises up to 100%

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Surgeons who performed the world's first heart operation on an unborn baby said yesterday that they did so to prevent the almost certain death of the child in the

The baby boy, Michele Vermilio, now aged four weeks, whose parents live near Colchester, Essex, is struggling for life on a ventilator at Guy's Hospital, south-east London. His condition is so serious that the doctors were reluctant to claim that the procedure Was a success.

However, they acknowledged that their work may open the way to more such some of which might be attempted in early pregnancy.

The baby's father, Mr Bernard Vermilio, a garage owner and racing driver, said he had nothing but praise for the hospital team. There was never any question of ethics. We wanted to save the baby's life, that's all."

The surgeons fed a tiny balloon, attached to an ex-tremely fine, hollow needle through the mother's abdomen, into the womb and into the baby's heart, and then inflated it to expand an abnormally narrow valve which

By Tim Jones Employment Affairs Correspondent

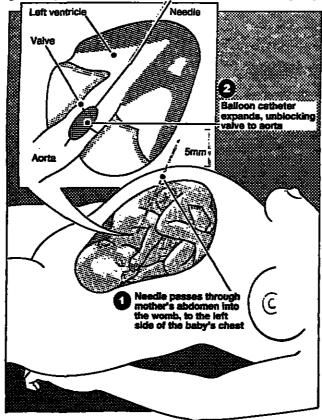
House of Commons secretaries are

100 per cent to help them to cope with

nanding salary increases of up to

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when treated in a similar procedure after birth. The baby had been dia-The operation, called ingnozed by ultrasound scanner utero balloon valvuloplasty,



survey of 380 secretaries showed pay scales varying from £7,000 to £22,500.

They claim that the present system is open to abuse and could enable some MPs to use part of their £25,000 secretarial and office parliamentary

allowance to boost their own £26,701

salaries by paying non-working mem-bers of their families.

less than £10,000 a year, nearly 20 per

cent from £10,000 to £12,000, 28 per

cent up to £14,000, 24 per cent up to £16,000 and 11 per cent more than

£16,000, although most of the highest paid worked for more than one MP.

The survey found 17 per cent earn

was restricting blood flow. The as suffering from critical aortic was performed twice. It failed should be carried out at an mother, Mrs Ann Vermilio, stenosis, a rare condition at the first attempt, when the earlier stage of pregnancy, aged 41, under a light local which is invariably fatal, even mother was 31 weeks preg-perhaps at about 20 or 24 mother was 31 weeks pregnant, because the balloon burst, and was tried again two weeks later.

During the second attempt, the needle was in place for about 30 minutes, but there was no evidence that it caused any pain or distress to the baby, the doctors said. The

> 38,000th of an inch. The operation was performed by three specialists at said. Guy's Hospital: Professor Michael Tynan, professor of paediatric cardiology, Mr unit, and Dr Lindsey Allan, consultant director of the

diameter of the needle was one

perinatal cardiology unit. "The ethical question was say no."
whether we should have intervened while the child was still was born," Professor Tynan said at a news conference.

"We know that babies with this condition die in the womb, or soon after they are born. We have not had one survivor."

Professor Tynan said he expected that more of the operations on unborn babies from the womb for an hour to would be performed, at Guy's or elsewhere "when all the circumstances are appropriate." Ideally, the procedure baby survived.

Miss Victoria Leach, the council's

chairwoman, who works as a personal

assistant to Mrs Maria Fyle, Labour

MP for Glasgow, Maryhill, said the pay of parliamentary secretaries was meant to be linked to senior sec-

retaries in the Civil Service earning

£15,953 a year. "At present we have a

complete lack of employment rights

and we need a structure to ensure fair

pay," she said. ● The £7 billion a year advertising

industry is riddled with sexism and

many agencies are unwittingly break-ing sex discrimination laws, according

to a report published by the Institute

weeks, because the condition could be irreparable at a later

There is nothing to stop more interventions of this kind, but we believe they should only be undertaken when the only alternative appears to be virtually certain death for the baby, and we have a clear objective which we feel we can achieve," he

"We have to go very slowly, in a humane way, making sure that parents are aware of Darryl Maxwell, consultant everything. We have a respondirector of the foetal medicine sibility not just to be able to do things like this, but to know whether we should do them. Sometimes we may have to

Mrs Vermilio, in an interview with a local newspaper, in the womb or waited until it said: "It is like a living nightmare. It would be fantastic if we knew for sure he was going to survive. But only time will tell."

Other types of operation of unborn babies have been performed, notably in San Francisco last year where surgeons removed a 24-week foetus repair a ruptured diaphraem which was restricting the development of its lungs. The

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ard Evans writes).

Closure threat

Need for vets may save two schools

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

Plans to close Glasgow and Cambridge veterinary schools are certain to be shelved after government investigation than earlier esimates.

The latest report, by a ber of vets being trained in Briain to 335, universities should produce a core of at

The six veterinary schools -Cambridge, Glasgow, Bristol, Liverpool, Edinburgh and the Royal Veterinary College should impose an annual fee surcharge of £500 for each student if they want to recruit more than 400 undergradautes a year between them, the report says.

If a school had a core intake of 65 students it could expand its admissions by 5 if it charged all students £500 a year each. Funds for this surcharge could come from special government loans, or sponsorship from veterinary practices and pharmaceutical companies.

Sir William Fraser, principal of Glasgow University, said he looked forward to an early decision from the Universities Funding Council (UFC). "I would also like to see an explanation as to why vet students should be singled out for special fee-sur-charges," he said.

Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, welcomed the report's findings. Significantly he said that except in unusual he said that except in unusual circumstances the Government would no longer take Review of Veterinary Manpower and Education (MAFF Publications, London SE99 7TP. £5).

part in manpower reviews. That means that when the UFC considers the Page report the publication of a report of a it will be hard to insist that the two veterinary schools close. which says that the need for as recommended last year by vets is substantially greater the Riley report into vet-than earlier esimates. the Riley report into vet-erinary education.

Professor Lawson Soulsby, committee under the head of the Cambridge vetchairmanship of Dr Ewan erinary school, said that al-Page, vice-chancellor of Read- though admissions were reing University, says that stricted to no more than 50 rather than restrict the num-students a year the school could admit 65 with no tional expenditure.

"Since we need more vets not fewer the logical thing would be to leave the six schools in place rather than spend money on closing down two and expanding the other four," he said. Although the number of

veterinary students admitted

Vet students should be charged £500 each per year

to universities is almost certain to increase, Professor Soulsby said it would be no easier for sixth formers to get

The review of veterinary manpower and education, commissioned by the Department of Education and Science and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, contains projections of the supply and demand of veterinary manpower to the end of the century, and finds it likely that there will be a significant shortfall in the number Britain needs. In the short term increased numbers of qualified overseas vets could help to fill the gap.

Judgement reserved in wrong-horse case

the case of Fondu, the racehorses. 26,000-guinea racehorse which never won a race.

The horse's owners, Mr Vincent Kilkenny, had high hopes when they bought the colt at Newmarket in 1981. However, they later discovcred a mix-up at a stud farm had caused them to buy the wrong animal, whose value fell to only £1,500.

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By that time Fondu had finished as an also-ran in all SIS SIX TACES.

Mr Naughton and Mr Kilkenny are suing for damages after the High Court ruled they were were entitled to compensation.

Mr Adrian Maxwell, the men's former trainer, told the sold the colt. court yesterday how he was attracted by a foal out of the mare Habanna, sired by Habiand had recommended the how much compensation is tat - both successful racers. purchase. He said the mare owed.

A High Court judge in London was more important than the yesterday reserved judgement stallion in breeding

However Fondu had assumed the wrong identity because of a mix-up at the Thomas Naughton and Mr Airlie Stud in Airlie, Lucan, Co Dublin.

As a result, the colt was wrongly described at Tatter-salls Premier Yearling Sales in Newmarket on September 30,

He turned out to be a colt out of an unraced mare, Moon Min, sired by an un-fashionable stallion, First Landing.

Mr Naughton of Pickwick Place, Harrrow-on-the-Hill, north-west London, and Mr Kilkenny of Manor House, Bletchington, Oxford, are sning Mr Gay O'Callaghan, who

But both Mr O'Callaghan of Old Town House, Shan-ballymore, Mallow, Co Cork, and the Airlie Stud dispute

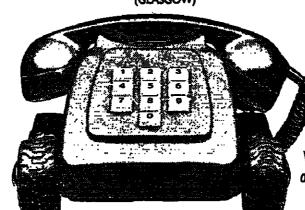
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Owen urges withdrawal of American forces from Germany

Dr David Owen called on Nato yesterday to announce that American forces will be withdrawn from a united Germany while remaining at a reduced

Dr Owen, the Social Democrat leader, predicted that, although the constitutional process would take longer, East and West Germany would be united by the end of the year because of economic realities and the will of the people.

He said the West should encourage a united Germany either to be in Nato or the Western European Union and not to

To that end, Nato should redefine the United States' role and forestall potential Soviet resentment by announcing that were Germany to be united by the decision of its citizens, Nato would not seek to deploy forces from countries outside Europe on German soil.

That would not be a green light for Britain, Belgium and The Netherlands to withdraw their forces, although some reductions could make sense.

Dr Owen, the former Labour foreign secretary, was speaking to the Royal United Institute for Defence Studies on a political and strategic perspective of Western Europe's security situation in the wake of changes in the Warsaw Pact,

Delors vision of a federal Europe. In remarks that increased the distance between Dr Owen and the Liberal Democrats, and took him closer to the Conservative position, he said a diverse and phiralist Europe that worked for progressive union while respecting na-tionhood would make a lasting contribution to international peace.

The Government was driving Britain further apart from its partners, he said. Dr Owen added that a decision not to deploy American or Canadian forces on German soil should be a voluntary one taken by Nato alone as a contribution to the stable, progressive development of Europe. He predicted that within five veers the US military presence in Europe

would be reduced by two thirds to 100,000 personnel, but it was strongly in Europe's interest that it remained.

It had always been a Soviet objective to have a neutral Germany and no American forces in Europe. Western Europe could never concede to the Soviets that that the stationing of Soviet forces in central Europe was equivalent to American forces in Western Europe. "We are entitled in Western Europe to bridge the Atlantic if we so wish. There is

no equivalent ocean dividing the USSR from the rest of Europe, " he said. However, he said it would be under-

standably resented by the Soviet Union if a united Germany were to ask for the stationing of American troops on its

He said there was no strategic logic that said that a united Germany without American should also be decoupled from the Nato or WEU nuclear deterrence

As long as the Soviets remained a nuclear power, there was every argument for France and Britain to retain nuclear weapons. A united Germany in Nato would rely on nuclear and conventional deterrence. As a WEU member, it would be able to ask France and Britain to deploy nuclear-carrying aircraft from German airfields. Dr Owen also suggested that Britain put on hold the development of

territory while it was withdrawing its forces at the request of fellow Warsaw Pact members. the request of fellow warsaw would have 10 look more ruthlessly at specialization between member states.

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Dr Owen said that while his perspectives ran counter to the Delors vision, they would contribute to deeper Euro-pean unity. Nato had shown that on national security an integrated command structure could be developed while

maintaining a sense of nationhood. Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, accused Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday of "clinging to the apron strings of the Atlantic relationship and missing the opportunities of the new

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Start of new service Veteran teddy bears await a good home lowered prosecution standards, Bar says

since the start of the Crown Prosecution Service three years ago, the Criminal Bar Association said yesterday.

in evidence to the Home Affairs Committee, which is the standard of preparation of investigating the service, the association said that a poll of its members in the South-east, particularly London, found that the "system is signifi-

In a separate submission, however, the Law Society praises the achievements of the service although it does criticize some aspects. It says the CPS' own core of prosecutors is providing "an ex-

Nevertheless, the Criminal Bar Association says that it is sharp end of presenting the prosecution case in court".

They "are in the best position to know what omissions and errors they succeed in disguising (in addition to those which surface) and how narrowly real disasters are sometimes avoided".

surveyed are "most disturbing so widely held", the associ-

"Of the options given, all barring a small fraction settled for 'worse' than before 1985. counsel's view of the merits of The fraction settled for 'no

Barristers welcomed the thinking behind the Crown method of disposal. Prosecution Service, however,

the police was growing.

Even so, the problems of the service were still exten-sive. Nearly 95 per cent of barristers polled answered unfavourably as to whether cases had fallen and inden-tified a list of problems: failure to spot evidential problems: "embarrassing" applications for adjournments; failure to act on counsel's written advice; poor drafting of indict-

It was a commonly held view, the association says, that Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) staff were so inexperienced that real problems were inevitable.

It was also commonly held that deterioration in prosecuting standards "is most noticeable in the largest bracket of loosely be called the lower

association says, that a less gloomy view would have come from outside London about the CPS in the regions.

The barristers also took the view that there had been a The opinions of barristers change in the way their role surveyed are "most disturbing was regarded, with an not merely in their content but "overwhelming view" that in the extent to which they are counsel was no longer free to exercise his discretion over the conduct of the case.

The most prevalent prob-lems included resistance to a particular case in terms of a "local policy" adopted in rela-tion to some kind of offence or

The standard of prosecutions for greater independence from Law Society says that the has deteriorated markedly the police was growing. own core of experienced prosecutors was providing "an excellent level of representation at court".

There was evidence that certain tribunals "remain hostile in principle to the introduction of the CPS", it

erance should not reflect upon the steadily improving reputation of crown prosecutors throughout the country."

The Law Society says, however, that there are problems over the provision by police of adequate papers on time for cases to be presented at court. Despite improvements,

there were still pockets of inefficiency where there was inadequate advance information or committal papers not served on time. A stipendiary magistrate has criticized both the police

and the Crown Prosecution Mr Derrick Fairclough, stipendiary magistrate for Manchester and a Recorder at Liverpool Crown Court, said yesterday: "Between them the police and CPS cannot ensure

as a matter of routine. In the new edition of the CPS Journal, Mr Fairclough "Hurried telephone inquiries to police headquarters do not necessarily produce the desired information."

that antecedents are updated

Mr Fairclough says he was cedents when a new computer was introduced at Man-Prosecution Service, however, In separate evidence, the chester, but records were still and did say that a reputation criminal law committee of the missing from antecedents.

Compensation changes will rule out 9,000 crime victims

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

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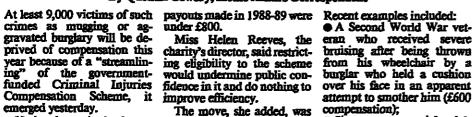
crimes as mugging or ag-gravated burglary will be deprived of compensation this year because of a "streamlining" of the government- would undermine public confunded Criminal Injuries fidence in it and do nothing to Compensation Scheme, it emerged yesterday.

Under the revised scheme, due to come into effect today, the minimum limit for compensation will be raised from £550 to £750. Other changes, though, will permit claims from victims previously excluded, such as train drivers who suffer shock after railway suicides and unmarried people whose part-ners are killed in violent

The Home Office, which announced the changes in December, believes the moves will help to solve chronic delays in processing claims and concentrate resources on the most deserving cases. Some 96,000 cases are outstanding, a backlog of over two years' work.

The charity Victim Support, which strongly opposes the increase in the lower limit, said about one in three of those now eligibile for compensation will be

That was confirmed by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, the scheme's administrator, which said that Mr Sheerman: "Ch



• Six women social club workers held hostage at particularly regrettable as many of the "lower limit" knifepoint during an armed claims related to thefts, street robbery (£650 each);

Young man slashed across robberies and muggings crimes which were often not the face with a broken glass in cleared up and caused widean unprovoked attack in a spread public fear and anger. nightclub (£650).

She added: "Compensation Mr Barry Sheerman, a Laban important way of our home affairs spokesman acknowledging that such crime is not acceptable. The said the Government should have cut the payment threshgesture is as important as the value of the money involved." old not increased it. The charity said some of the smallest payouts involved surprisingly vicious incidents.

The change also encouraged victims to submit inflated claims. "It's disgraceful. In the name of efficiency the Government has squeezed out a large number of potential

He added: "This comes on top of changes introduced a few years ago which mean that victims who are unemployed have their benefits cut if they

changes, described as a streamlining by Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, will allow the board's junior staff to deal with claims which are obviously ineligible and will restrict the number of cases referred to oral hearings.



Some of the 75 elderly teddy bears to be auctioned at Christie's, London, today, with Miss Philippa Spurrier, Christie's teddy specialist.

sued over bomb test

By Kerry Gill

former Royal Air Force electrician, who served on Christmas Island during nuclear tests in 1957, is to sue the Ministry of Defence after contracting leukaemia.

Mr John Hall, aged 51, who spent four mouths on the Pacific island, believes his recently diagnosed condition is a direct result of being the tests.

His case is to be handled by Mr Mark Mildred, the lawyer involved in legal proceedings over the Zeebrugge and King's Cross disasters. The costs will be met by the British Nuclear Test Veterans' Association. Details of Mr Hall's action

and the association's struggle to get compensation for victims are to be disclosed at a press conference in the House of Commons today. The association has cam-

paigned to make the Government recognize that its members were affected by

MoD to be Servant's kilt fetches £10,000

The scarlet plaid kilt, tartan underpants and stockings once worn by Queen Vic-toria's faithful if notoriously charmless servant John Brown sold for £10,120 at Sotheby's, London, yesterday.

They were bought by three men wearing similar Highland dress and representing the Scottish Tartan Museum at Comrie, Tayside.

over-300 teddy bears, dolls contemporary art fair that and toys, their representative, the magnificently bearded Dr Gordon Teall of Teallah, took London, yesterday. Splayed upper estimate. The most intriguing gar-ment was Mr Brown's under-

pants, equipped with special back-flap and front fly. Dr Teall said: "Queen Victoria insisted that anyone who worked for her and wore a kilt should wear underpants. She was very particular because it can be very embarrassing when someone wearing a kilt sits down."

After Brown's death in the 1920s, a trunk of highland dress was sent from Balmoral Castle to Edinburgh, with buyers, the fair includes a instructions that it should be view of the Coopers & Lydisposed of, but not by auc- brand Deloitte collection,

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market

Correspondent herited the clothes from his father, a bagpipe-maker who had been given the pick of the

A crucified Marilyn Monroe After watching the sale of is on offer at Art 90, the opened at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north and costing £2,200, she is a sculpture by Saskia de Boer, and a highlight at the Nicholas Treadwell Gallery stand.

Other attractions at the fair, which brings together the work of more than 200 artists, include bold landscape paintings by David Macfarlane, at £400 to £1,200, and large abstracts by Gail Dickerson. the young Royal College of Art graduate who has been chosen as the "Young Artist in Fo-

To encourage corporate view of the Coopers & Lyexposure to radiation during disposed of, but not by auc-brand Deloitte collection, nuclear tests in the late 1950s. tion. Yesterday's vendor in-compiled by the accountancy

discuss Dr Feeney's remarks.

His office said the Govern-ment deplored criminal activ-

ity of whatever sort and

firm over the past five years. Mr Phil Collins, the company's collector, said: "It is an alternative to the Saatchi approach. You don't have to spend a lot of money if you trust your judgement."

Prices at the fair are mainly between £50 to £1,500, although a Francis Bacon will cost £40,000. Christie's auctioned a selec-

tion of British decorative arts from the 1980s. Top price was £6.050 for a

glass and forged iron console table by Danny Laine. An chair by Andre du Breuil fetched £1,320, while a pair of candelabra forged from brass pipes and glass bottles by Tim Shaw sold for £2,090.

Sotheby's recorded a world record for Miles Birket Foster, the Victorian painter. His "The Swing", showing children playing on a tree, sold anonymously for £41,800 (estimate £15,000 to £25,000). Bonhams dispersed the contents of the studio of the

eccentric British artist Betty Swanwick with great success Her "Women preparing for a Banquet" fetched £8,250, while her "Leda and the Swan" went for £3.520.

Stuntman awarded £251,000

finished when harness wires broke during a simulated flight sequence on the film set of Superman IV was awarded damages of £251,148 in the

Mr John Lees, who suffered fractures to both heels and his left ankle in the 25ft fall at Elstree Studios in 1986, said later he was disappointed with the award and that of costs Cannon Films.

Mr Lees, aged 47, of Moor End Farm, Norland, near Halifax, West Yorkshire, said he could no longer groom or ride his two horses.

Post mortem

A coroner at Ashington. Northumberland, ordered a new post mortem on the body of Mrs Doris Waldock, who drowned in a whirlpool bath in Portugal. Her husband, a police officer, was acquitted of murder by a Portugese court.

Pensions libel Mr Ted Barham, treasurer of the Greater London Pensioners' Association, and his wife, Alice, received unspecified libel damages in the High Court yesterday against the Daily Mirror, which said in an article that they were in favour

of private pensions. Knitwear loss

Up to 1,000 jobs could be at risk in the Paisley Hyer Group, one of Leicestershire's biggest knitwear firms, which announced yesterday that it had called in the receivers.

Nurse penalty John Smith, of Dudley, West Midlands, a charge nurse, who was jailed for indecency with a sub-normal boy aged 12, was ordered to be struck off the

Miss Lindsay MacFarlaine, a South Yorkshire police press officer who won her job back after being accused of leaking secrets after the Hillsborough

Convictions prompt call for UDA ban By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

that it did not represent a security, was not prepared to Andy Aiken of Fourthriver

There were renewed calls yesterday for the "lovalist" paramilitary Ulster Defence Association to be banned after the jailing of four of its members for up to 10 years on charges of blackmailing and extortion.

Dr Brian Feeney, the North Belfast Social Democratic and Labour councillor, said the failure of the Government to outlaw the UDA gave the impression that crimes by "loyal-ists" were in some way less reprehensible than crimes by The scheme's other

He said he was determined to persuade the Northern Ire-land Office of what he called the "cowardice" of its position on the UDA, which amounted to an acceptance of the organization's public front criminal organization. "The UDA is a criminal conspiracy," he said, "and any minister who has got any integrity should ban it." Dr Feeney said that the argument

by the Northern Ireland Office that benning the UDA would simply drive it underground also applied to the Provisional IRA, which, by that logic, should also be legalized. The UDA has never been banned since its foundation in men admitted blackmailing 1971, in spite of its having two Ulster building firms for been organized on military lines and its members' having year period.

often incurred sentences for terrorist offences, including ley Park, the south Belfast sectarian murder. Mr John Cope, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland the Shankill Road, each re-Office with responsibility for

reiterated that proscription of the UDA was constantly under review. Dr Feeney's comments come after the jailing, by Belfast Crown Court, of four senior UDA men, including the organization's commander in south Belfast, after the

John McDonald of Lockscommander, and David 'Arty" Fee of Chief Street in tion led by a chief ceived 10-year sentence

nearly £40,000 over a five-

Way and John Campbell of Denmark Street were each jailed for eight years. The four men had pleaded guilty to a total of 60 offences committed between May 1983 and December 1988.

Their activities had been monitored by the RUC's antiracketeering squad during a three-year operation. • The Director of Public Prosecutions in Northern Ireland is to be sent a file on the death of Seamus Duffy, aged

15, who was killed by a police plastic bullet in rioting last August, police sources said. The move marks the culmination of an investigasuperintendent in the Royal

nursing register yesterday. PR resigns

MPs demand law against contamination of land

By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

The Government has been accused of failing to take action over poisoned industrial sites endangering public health and the environment.

The Commons environment committee found that many dangerous sites are left untouched for years, and that action is taken only when a planning application is made.

The criticisms, coming after a report saying that waste sites may be "a toxic time bomb", will embarrass Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for

The report, published yesterday, says the Department of Environment gives too little weight to the problems of land contaminated by industrial processes, such as old gas works, oil

refineries and chemical works. "By defining contaminated land narrowly and solely in relation to end-use, the Department of the Environment may be underestimating a genuine environmental problem and mis-directing effort and resources."

The report adds: "There is land in the UK which is contaminated and a at to health and the environment, both on site and in the surrounding area. The primary focus of central and local government activity must be upon land which is a hazard to health

The MPs say Britain has been spared some of the worst effects of uncontrolled dumping. But there should be no completency over the management of toxic waste.

They say the Department holds little information about polluted land.

and are concerned about the adequacy of its estimates. Their report also backs up other warnings about the shortage of pollution inspectors.

Among the recommendations are: a law to prevent companies polluting the soil, and to force owners to disclose information about contam-ination of land when they sell it; local registers of contaminated sites, and new powers for the National Rivers Authority to scrutinize planning applications for poisoned sites.

Sir Hugh Rossi, chairman of the select committee on the environment, yesterday called for an end to the dispute over whether to build a long sea outfall at Morecambe Bay, Lancashire, to combat sewage problems on Britain's most polluted coastline (Mark Souster writes).

Lancashire County Council and the

Save Morecambe Bay Campaign, on one hand, and North West Water Company and Blackpool District Council, on the other, gave evidence to the committee yesteday. Sir Hugh described the stalemate between them as "a nonsense", although he emphasized that he was not biased for or

The North West Water Company is nning a three mile outfall costing £50 million at Fleetwood to solve pollution problems but opponents say that pumping untreated sewage into the Lune Deep, however far out, will damage the marine environment, and affect the jobs of fishermen.

House of Commons Environment Com-mittee first report: Contaminated Land, Stationery Office, £11.90 pct.

Green group calls for stricter control of North Sea dumping

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

trols over discharges of waste in the North Sea were called for yesterday by the Marine Forum for Environmental

The group is seeking action by the Government after analysing studies from 24 expert groups into the types of waste dumping and their impact on fisheries, seals and dolphins, birdlife and the marine plants and microscopic organisms that form the basis of the food chain. The studies covered dis-

More stringent monitoring of charges into the North Sea a hole in the ground. The good marine life and tighter confrom rivers, ship and oil neighbourly principle also applatform operations, dumping and dredging by vessels and contamination from airborne pollutants.

The forum's report, published yesterday, includes an investigation into the impact of sea level rises expected from global warming. Presenting the findings to a

meeting in London, held in

neighbourly principle also applies because the North Sea does not belong to Britain." He said there must be a halt to the disposal of injurious substances. But it was not possible to pursue a policy of zero discharges or to cease all zero discharges or to ce

The report prepared for the third Interministerial North Conjunction with the Royal Sea Conference, to be held at Geographical Society, Lord The Hague next month, belonce Cranbrook chairman of the concludes that a balance forum, said: "We must stop needs to be found to maintain using the North Sea as if it was essential ecological processes.

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for debate on homosexual rights

By David Tytler, Education Editor

A one-day conference for les- abled teachers. The branches are "victimized by practising has been demanded by leftwing members of Britain's their number on the national iargest classroom union. The call is likely to embarrass leaders of the National Union be sent to schools. of Teachers anxious to present a more moderate image.

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The union's branch in campaign for the repeal of extreme being discussed. Islington, north London, has Clause 28 which prevents the Nearly half as many more put down a motion for the active promotion of homoannual conference in Bournemouth at Easter calling on the national executive to defend homosexuality".

In an attack on hetero- Their motion asks the sexuals, the branch calls on union to "defend vigorously the union to train members any members who may be not to adopt "heterosexism" which discriminates against homosexuals. The union is asked to support homosexual teachers and to hold an "annual one-day conference exclusively on lesbian and gay

A motion from central Nottinghamshire, Oxford, Hillingdon and Leeds says that the self-management of that the self-management of Lambeth, Islington, and the schools could result in the Inner London Teachers' victimization of women, Association are asking that the next academic year, the Scot-

bian and homosexual teachers say that to protect them ways anti-racist education. should be found to increase executive. Regular informa-tion, including posters, should

Teachers in Hackney, east London, want the union to sexuality by local authorities, saying that "every school connational executive to defend the rights of lesbians and homosexuals by the "positive representation of themselves as lesbian, gay or

> victimized for constructive and truthful teaching about lesbian and gay sexuality and lifestyles".

Other motions condemn the Government's requirement that all state schools should have a daily Christian assembly, saying that it has led to demands, particularly from Muslims, for separate schools. homosexual, black and dis- union defends teachers who

Branches are being asked to vote on which of the hundreds tabled should appear on the final agenda. The union's national executive is likely to

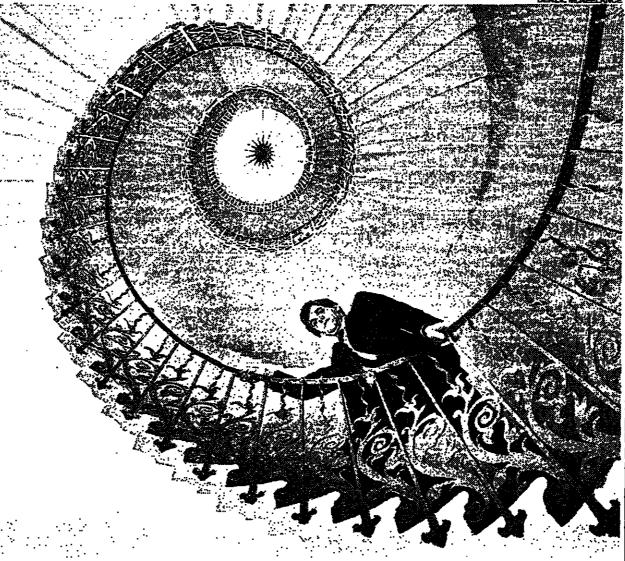
parents are applying to send their children to schools that have opted out of local authority control than at the same time last year, according to figures released yesterday. applications for every place.

Grant-maintained schools

report that applications have risen by an average 45 per cent at the 32 schools which will be running this September. This time last year few schools knew whether they would be allowed to opt out and many of them were facing an un-certain future either through planned closure or amai-

 Scotland's colleges of education are to increase their intake for teacher training courses by 36 per cent in the

NUT faces demand | Spiral eye view of a royal house | Council on the spot



Mr Richard Ormand. of the National Maritime Museum, on the Tulip Staircase at the restored Queen's House, Greenwich.

the spot over exam mistake

The leader of a Manchester council yesterday publicly apologized for a printing error in an Il-plus examination paper as the authority faced legal action over the mistake. The exam, sat by 2,600 Manchester children, was ruled invalid because some

children were given 40 min-utes to take the test and others 50 minutes. The test was ruled invalid by the education committee last month. Labour members are convinced that, if the results are allowed to stand, aggrieved parents will com-plain to the Ombudsman and be prepared to go to court. The Tory group, which controls the council, believes that if a new exam is set, legal action will be taken by other parents.

The full council has aiready reversed the education committee's decision, but the meeting ran out of time before two Labour amendments could be put, and it will be resumed today.

Edinburgh University's Godfrey Thompson Unit, which set the test, has advised that the length of time allowed would have no effect on the children's scores, but Labour councillors are unconvinced. Mr Colin Warbrick, the leader of the council, yesterday apologized publicly for

Consumer survey

Hunt for bargains 'a waste of time'

Clean floors, well-stocked shopping basket of 18 every-shelves, friendly staff and day items at different superample car-parking space are market chains varied from what shoppers want rather £21.38 in Sainsbury's to than low prices, a consumer £22.99 in Safeway. survey published today says. Cleanliness in sur

Free shopping bags, environmentally friendly prod-ucts, exotic produce and late shoppers in the nationwide opening are also important survey. Payment by credit but shopping around for sav-card was the bottom priority,

Every week more than £800 ample car parking but did not million is spent in Britain on do so well on providing a groceries, meat and veg-packing service.
etables, of which 80 per cent • The Co-op was below avgoes to supermarkets rather erage for parking facilities, than small shops. More shop-staffed checkouts and express pers are using the new tills but customers liked stores superstores and hypermarkets near their homes.

ing, linen and toy sections.

Shoppers also welcome baby changing rooms, lavatories, delicatessen counters, fresh bread baked on the parking, but had helpful,

and seats. About 75 per cent of shop-pers have access to a car and ● Safeway had helpful, knowlmany prefer to drive long distances to out-of-town stores rather than get caught in Sainsbury's was above av-traffic jams and be unable to erage for a wide selection of

find a parking space in the high street.

Hunting for bargains is becoming a trend of the past.

"If you are trying to save money on well-known brands money on well-known brands with the past."

Waitrose had helpful, brands with the past. you'll have to hunt high and knowledgeable staff and ade-low for a bargain," the maga- quate express tills and zine says. The survey found that out of 118 cans of baked The average cost of a wed-

Edinburgh. The price of a (Robin Young writes).

Cleanliness in supermarkets

ings on well-known praises as usually a waste of time, the survey in Which? magazine, published by the Consumers'

A report on the big supramarket chains found:

Mada had many staffed checkouts, express tills and checkouts, express tills and checkouts.

which have hardware, garden- Gateway was below aver

fresh bread baked on the parking, but had helpful, premises, fresh fish counters knowledgeable staff and a wide selection of goods and

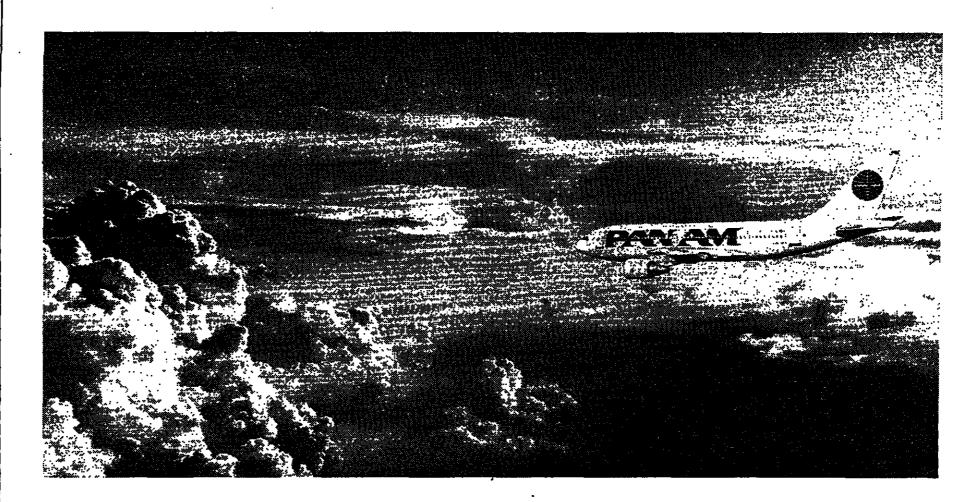
edgeable staff and many checkouts and packers.

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beans 111 were priced at 26p.

It also found that prices in branches of a single supermarket chain were consistent, whether in Essex, Exeter and Edithern The price of a Control of the Policy Control

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or improve a child's intelligence are misleading and the Government's recommended daily amounts for some vitamins and minerals needs to be reviewed, Which? says. After testing a variety of multivitamins and mineral sapplements, the report consultivitamins and mineral sapplements and experimentation in supplements, the report concludes that it makes more

Vitamin pills no

cure for poor diet

than to take pills. pills,"the report says.

care stress, perk a person ap or improve a child's intelli-

It recommends steaming, not soaking, vegetables, be- against an increase in the cause nutrients are destroyed by boiling and vitamin C

sible because exposure to programme maker and the treatment destroys some vitamins; sponsor." light destroys some vitamins; and recommends using left-

take multivitamins should not and police programmes and less sport, business and fi-

Children, pregnant women, the elderly and people on low incomes may not be getting enough vitamins and minerals from their diets, but taking supplement pills is not the answer, according to a report published today in Which? magazine (Ray Clancy writes).

Claims that vitamins can care stress, perk a person up lished in Which? today.

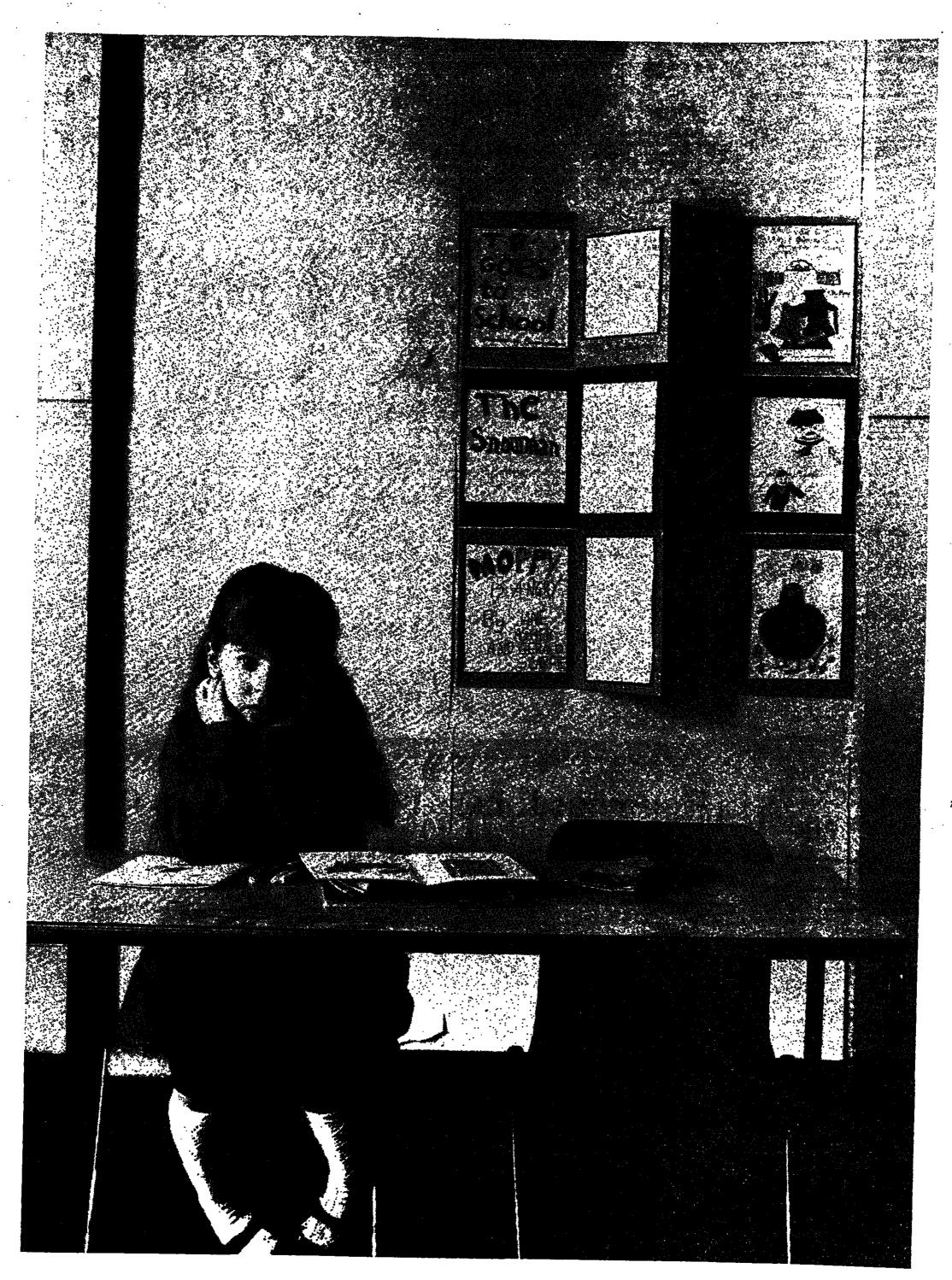
change and experimentation in programming and less atten-tion being paid to what viewers Food gives you a lot of want to watch. The pressure in "Food gives you want or other things you need like programme making want to wards what is marketable, like fibre and energy, which you wards what is marketable, like the glossy transatlantic mini/mega series." programme making will be to-

The report also warms sponsorship of programmes: "Sponsorship should be caredissolves in water.

It says bottles of milk should be put away as soon as

The research also shows over cooking water from veg-etables and cooking jnices more soap operas and comed-from meat to make soap or ies. They would rather have more recent films, nature pro-It says those who choose to grammes, adventure, leisure





There's no shortage of teachers in Judy's class.

She's already had 15 this year.

When Judy leaves for school in the mornings, she's never sure who her teacher is going to be.

Sometimes, she doesn't even have a teacher.

All the changes unsettle her, and she's not the only one.

Currently, our classrooms are desperately short of teachers.

Schools all over the country are having to cope as best they can, often with supply teachers drafted in from outside.

Despite their efforts, the children's education is bound to be affected.

A major reason for the shortage is, of

A major reason for the shortage is, of course, poor pay.

On top of this, morale within the pro-

fession is at an all time low. What's more, until teachers are given the recognition and salary they deserve, the situation can only get worse.

So the government must act soon.

If these lessons aren't learnt, it's not just Judy who'll suffer but her younger sisters too.



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newspapers, the young man, Mr Clayton Sithole, was a

former lover of the daughter of Nelson Mandela, the jailed black leader, and the father of

suspected African National

Congress guerrillas were arres-

ted on Friday in Soweto, the

vast black township outside Johannesburg. Police accused the group of killing 10 people,

including two policemen, in

attacks with hand grenades

and automatic rifles over the

found hanging from a shower pipe on Tuesday in his cell at

John Vorster Square, Johann-esburg's central police station.

It said an investigation into

the death had started and

would include a post mortem

Mrs Audrey Coleman, a

prominent human rights activist, welcomed Mr de

Klerk's move, saying she could not recall such a swift

and emphatic response to any of the scores of other deaths of

detainees which she has mon-

Local moves towards de-

segregation, amid increasing

activism by the black nation-

alist movement, have left

President de Klerk open to

conflicting pressure from the

Dr Andries Treurnicht, the

leader of the official Oppo-

sition, the Conservative Party, told a miners' rally in Johannesburg: "We do not owe the ANC any say in our nation or our land."

The Afrikaner Resistance

Movement warned that "all

hell will break loose" if

Mandela was freed. Mr Eu-

gene Terre Blanche, its leader, evoked images of a nine-teenth-century battle against the Zulus when he declared:

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itored in recent years.

white right wing.

Police said Mr Sithole was

her child.

past two years.

Pretoria moves to shed its image as apartheid capital

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg and Gavin Bell in Cape Town

While the focus of political remacist Conservative Party tivists died while in police attention on South Africa has is strong in the city and in custody. According to local shifted to Cons. To a shifted to Cons. shifted to Cape Town, where President de Klerk will reopen Parliament tomorrow with a speech that may clearly outline plans for considerable reform of anartheid the Proreform of apartheid, the Pre-toria city council has taken a through the intervention of

After a heated debate on Tuesday night, it voted to open up its bus services, libraries, swimming pools and angling facilities to all races. It will also seek government permission to open up the central business district and a number of suburbs as "free

Under the Group Areas Act, one of the main planks of apartheid, blacks are officially barred from conducting busi ness in most city and town centres. Re-zoning as a "free trade" area means that blacks can openly do business with-out fear of police harassment or, as many do already, use a token white front.

Mr Jannie van Zyl, a bus driver, was angry and adamant yesterday. "Kaffirs will not get into my bus," he said.

Mr van Zyl, aged 29, is a municipal bus driver in Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, and long ment committee, decided the considered a citadel of conservative Afrikanerdom. He drives his double-decker out of Church Square, dominated by a ponderous statue of Paul

"If a kaffir tries to get on my bus, I'll throw him off very quickly," said Mr van Zyl Half a dozen friends with him

agreed unanimously. Mr Sataar Cassim, chairman of the management committee in Laudium, a segregated Indian district of Pretoria. yesterday described the council's decision as "a bold step for Pretoria but a small step in what was happening in South

The dated rhetoric aside, No such inquiry had been "We shall fight until our land the council's move is, in fact, called after scores of previous is as white as it was after Blood courageous. The white sup-incidents in which black ac-

the extremist Herstigte Nasionale Party.

Tuesday night's vote was 22-19, and the Conservatives had a full house

Meanwhile Johannesburg which considers itself far more liberal, voted to declare the entire city a free trade area. Only the four Conservative councillors opposed the motion. It was announced that all the city's bus services would go multiracial within 10 days.

Perhaps more significant than the Pretoria and Johannesburg decisions was the vote by the council at Klerksdorp, a country town in the Western Transvaal about 60 miles from Johannesburg, to scrap racial trading bars. Rural white communities are con-sidered to be the most strongly opposed to reform.

Four councillors voted against the proposal and four in favour. Mr Chris van Eeden, the chairman of the manage issue with his casting vote.

He said the decision was based solely on a business and not a political point of view. "There is a very healthy relationship between all the communities of Klerksdorp,"

He added: "I believe the opening of the central business district to all races will cultivate that relationship."

In another sign of change in the political climate, President de Klerk yesterday ordered a judicial inquiry into the death of a black man, accused of involvement in guerrilla attacks, who was found hanged in his cell.

Calabria kidnap victim gains freedom

From Paul Bompard

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Church bells rang in Pavia yesterday to celebrate the release of Signor Cesare who was reunited with his family at the end of one of the longest-running Italian kidnapping sagas on

Signor Casella, aged 20, was freed in southern Italy on Tuesday night after being held for 742 days. Flown bome in a military aircraft, he told reporters: "I am happy. It was hard. For two years I saw only people wearing hoods. Now I do not know what to say with all these people here."

One of the kidnappers had been kind "He was a delinquent, too, but the rest treated me like a dog.'

Signor Casella said he had thought he would be killed when his kidnappers moved him from their hide-out in the Aspromonte mountains of

Instead, according to a se-nior police officer, they chained him to a pole from which he managed to free himself and seek help.

Signora Angela Casella, his mother, with whom he had a tearful reunion, became nationally known as "Mother Courage" for her defiance of the 'Ndrangheta, the Cala-brian equivalent of the Mafia. She chained herself to trees

and slept in tents in Calabrian mountain towns. At least four other hostages are believed to be held by the same organization in the region. Signor Casella, whose father

has a Citroën dealership in Pavia, was seized there on January 18, 1988. The family paid a ransom of one billion lire (£484,000) in August that year. The kidnappers then made further demands for

These were not met. The authorities last year froze the family's assets and sent hundreds of police into the Aspromonte region.

Kidnapping is still believed to be an important source of income for many small towns in Calabria, on the toe of the Italian peninsula, where unemployment is rife and the law is laid down by the 'Ndrangheta rather than local government.

almost half the abductions in



A mother's joy: Signora Angela Casella in Pavia welcoming home her son, Cesare, held for two years by a kidnapping gang

outside their poor southern region, a move that has more to do with lack of targets than with effective police work. There is practically no one

left here worth kidnapping," a local builder said. According to a recent survey by a local magazine, Calabrian kidnappers now concentrate their efforts in towns round Milan. But, once kidnapped, victims are habitually hidden away in the Aspromonte.

More than 600 people have been kidnapped in Italy during the past 20 years, most of them in Lombardy.

While more efficient police work has helped diminish the incidence of kidnapping, a hard core of Calabrian kidnap-Police estimate that Cala-brian gangs are responsible for 10 people were kidnapped for ransom, there were 14 the year have kept pace with inflation,

Italy. These days they work before; five of the 24 victims now averaging two billion lire captivity last year minus a outside their poor southern are still in captivity. Income from rausoms is

estimated at about 200 billion

lire a year. Much of it is reinvested in building developments around Aspromonte villages. One area - near Loci, renowned as a kidnap • The family

paid a ransom of one billion lire in 1988; more was asked for lacksquare

ping centre - is shamelessly known as the Paul Getty village, after the kidnapping of

Paul Getty III in 1973. Victims may be fewer these days, but ransom demands

average term of imprisonment is almost a year, even two

years, compared to several months in the late 1970s when kidnappings were more frequent. Between 1977 and 1982 there were, on average, 40 to 50 a year, rather cheaper affairs costing ransom-payers several hundred millions of

lire instead of several billion. Dynamics of the average kidnapping have changed little over the years.

In the case of Signor Mirella Silocchi, kidnapped by ban-dits who invaded the family holiday house last July, ran-som demands were backed up with a gruesome package sent to the family containing his Berlardinelli, a Tuscan busi-

ness that kidnapping is the kind of barbarous crime illbefitting a country that aspires to fifth place in the world economy, one where average living standards are on a par with most First World nations. TV documentaries denounce the outrages and feature Aspromonte towns, supposedly live off ransom money and where, according to a recent commentary, 10 per cent of the population knows where Signor Casella was hidden and who his captors are but no one will

There are plenty of voices hacked-off ear. Signor Dante even in Calabria - raised against kidnapping, but the nessman, returned home from law of omeria still rules.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Heavy attack on Unita stronghold

"private" visit to Portugal and returned to Angola early vesterday, saying that heavy fighting between his forces and those of the MPLA Government made his presence imperative (Martha de la Cal writes). He also cancelled visits to Belgium, Germany and other European countries.

He said fighting was taking place near Cuando Cubango and Mavinga in southern Angola, with the bombardment of Units-held territory there by some 15 MiG fighters. A strong MPLA offensive in southern Angola, with the town of Mayinga as the main objective, began five weeks ago. The Angolan Army has reported a key breakthrough against rebels defending Mavinga, the Portuguese news agency Lusa said yesterday, claiming it had killed 500 Unita men.

Witness in Barry deal

Washington - Mr James McWilliams, a city council employee and a key witness in the case, has agreed to co-operate with the federal investigation of Mr Marion Barry, significantly increasing the chances of Washington's Mayor being charged with perjury and obstruction of justice as well as of possessing cocaine (Martin Fletcher writes).

Mr McWilliams is the one man who could corroborate claims that Mr Barry smoked crack in a room in Washington's Ramada Inn on December 19, 1988. In court this week, as part of a plea-bargain deal with federal prosecutors, he pleaded guilty to helping obtain drugs on that date. He then made a two-hour private appearance in front of the grand jury which has been investigating Mr Barry's activities for the past 13 months. Mr Charles Lewis, a former friend of the Mayor's, has testified under oath that he smoked crack with Mr Barry at the Ramada Inn.

China holds Catholics

Peking - A wave of arrests has swept the underground Roman Catholic Church in the past few months, reflecting increasing nervousness by the Chinese Government about the threat posed by illegal organizations (Catherine Sampson writes). While the arrests are all but impossible to confirm within China, well-informed church sources in Paris, the Vatican and Hong Kong say that as many as 32 Catholics, who refuse to join the officially sanctioned Patriotic Catholic Association and remain loyal to the Pope, have been arrested nationally in the past two mouths.

Sri Lanka abductions

Colombo - Forty Muslims were reported abducted yesterday at Kalmunai, in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka, by the main Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (Vijitha Yapa writes). Tension was mounting between Tamils and Muslims, while about 200 armed Tigers were said to be surrounding the police station to prevent officers from leaving. The Tigers have taken control with the progressive withdrawal of the Indian Peace-Keeping Force from the province, which began last year.

Hong Kong (Reuter) - Fifteen Hong Kong prison officers and two Vietnamese were injured yesterday during the clearing of a camp for boat people where more than 100 inmates have staged a 12-day protest, a government spokeswoman said. The camp was due to be closed last week, but a group of 107 boat people, the remnants of 3,000 Vietnamese inmates, refused to move to another detention centre and demanded the return of their boats to sail on to Japan. "Non-co-operators kicked and pushed" the officers and tied themselves to fixtures with torn blankets.

Palmer reshuffle

Wellington (Reuter) - A former New Zealand minister, sacked 14 months ago by Mr David Lange for disloyalty, resturns to his old Cabinet post in a reshuffle announced vesterday by Mr Geoffrey Palmer, the Prime Minister. Mr Richard Prebble goes back to the State-owned Enterprises Ministry as one of seven new ministers voted into the Cabinet last week by Labour Party MPs. The reshuffle may be Mr Palmer's last chance to improve Labour's dismal showing in opinion polls before elections this year.

Repercussions of the Kashmir conflict

Hindu hardliners urge crackdown on Muslims

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

anti-Indian uprising in Muslim-majority Kashmir, where a state of emergency has created a surly and doubtless temporary peace.

The real danger lies not in the threat of war with Pakistan, which almost certainly will not happen, but in the flames of Hindu-Muslim communalism that it could ignite across India.

Hindu extremists are now calling for an all-out offensive to round up Muslim guerrilla leaders in Kashmir. They describe the uprising not only as anti-government but, ominously, as "anti-Hindu".

Despite the hostile rhetoric between India and Pakistan in recent days - most of it for domestic consumption - nobody in the higher ranks of the Government in Delhi seriously believes that the two countries are heading for war. There have long been crossborder skirmishes.

Confrontation may result from a mass march into India by Kashmiris from the Pakistani side of the dividing line as a show of solidarity with their Muslim "brothers". In

mofficial estimates.

India has substantially reinforced its military presence in the frontier zone, primarily in the belief that it may have to encounter masses of civilians.

Even if Pakistan did mount a military operation, it could hardly expect to rout South Asia's military superpower. Pakistan's security forces, in any case, are preoccupied covering the western border with Afghanistan Pakistan faces grave security problems in Sind province, which the Army is watching with in-

creased unease. India's portrayal of Pakistan as instigator of the Kashmir troubles ignores the fact that the separatist movement has mass indigenous support. There is no great love for Pakistan: Kashmiris on the Indian side of the 1948 line of control are aware that joining Pakistan would mean flooding their valley with Pathans and Punjabi Muslims.

The causes of the Kashmir conflict are many: contempt for the corrupt National Conference, which has always been the only serious political recent weeks there has been an force in the valley; the impact ist. It was crushed in rigged

political and social isolation from India; and the explosive combination of educated and

unemployed youth. Indian politicians have always shied away from Kash-mir, since anybody challeng-



perceived almost as anti-Indian. Most alternative political groups were pro-Pakistan, such as the Plebiscite Front and the Awami Action Committee. The only plausible alternative to emerge was the Muslim United Front, although it was fundamental-

Hindu hardliners are moving exodus of up to 10,000 Hindus of growing Islamic fundasswiftly to capitalize on the from the valley, according to mentalism; the strong sense of 1987. After that, any semantical provided and social isolation blance of legitimate politics in learned over the past 43 years lims at the expense of Hindus. blance of legitimate politics in the Kashmir valley died.

The National Conference has collapsed in disgrace and its leader, Dr Faroog Abdullah, is holed up in Delhi. The Indian Government, despering the towering dominance of the National Conference was be reshaped, repackaged and rehabilitated

Hated though it certainly is, the National Conference is still the only political party on offer in the valley. If it did return, it would obviously not have to share power again with the Congress (I) party, The right-wing Hindu party, which has no political base the Bharatiya Janata Party, and no popular support in

The unpatural coalition was forced on Kashmir by Mr has so far restrained itself over Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister, who wanted to make his presence felt there both for political and nostalgic reasons. His mother, Indira Gandhi, and grandfather, Jawaharial Nehru, were Kashmiri brahmins.

While Muslim countries handling of the Kashmir crisis, the 90 million-odd non- things, are used to subsidize ters again.

that there is safety in silence. interest in the affairs of Kash-

miri Muslims or in pan-Islamic politics. Non-Kashmiri Muslims regard the current unprecedented separatist challenge with Hindu India hangs by a perilously thin thread, as anti-Muslim riots during last November's general election demonstrated. They are thinly

> be inconspicuous. The right-wing Hindu party, whose parliamentary support is vital to the survival of the National Front Government, Kashmir. But its more vociferous sister party, the Bombay-based Shiv Sena, has demanded the formal im-

position of martial law and

pursuit of a hardline policy.

spread across India, a vulner-

able minority that tries hard to

Kashmir is resented by many Hindus because it receives disproportionate out-

Much of the money is They have never displayed an diverted into officials' pock-

ets, however, and the overall cost of living in Kashmir is substantially higher than in the rest of India, in part because of transport costs. Vegetables and meat, for alarm. Their security inside example, are much more expensive. Poverty is therefore as endemic in India's only Muslim majority state - the 'spoilt" state, it is often called — as it is in the Hindu heartland.

• SRINAGAR: Muslim secessionists traded gunfire with security forces yesterday as the authorities relaxed the curfew here in the summer capital of Kashmir, leaving four people wounded (AFP reports).

A police spokesman said a constable of the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force had been wounded by a sniper. Police and paramilitary troops patrolled the city as the authorities relaxed an indefinite curfew for 11 hours from 5am, but as news of the shooting spread shops that continue to berate India for its lays of central government had reopened after several money which, among other days brought down their shut-

Beirut Christian factions | 'Couch potatoes' to be fed battle to control enclave

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

Forces" television station.

The long-simmering struggle for control of Lebanon's Chris-tian enclave exploded violently in the streets of east Beirnt yesterday after General Mi-chel Aoun seat his troops to crush the powerful Phalangist Lehonese Forces" militia of Mr Samir Geagea.

Christian army soldiers and their allies were locked in heavy fighting in at least four residential districts of east Beirot and in the northern fringes of the capital, ignoring desperate calls for a ceasefire by the Marenite Church. By evening, wayward shells of those battles began landing in Syrian-controlled west Beirut.

The thad of shellfire echoed across the city as conveys of merchant skips hurriedly left Beirut port. Last night, there were no reliable casualty reports and Red Cross volunteers were too frightened to pick up the dead and wounded lying in the streets.

As the fighting raged outside, east Beirut residents watched the film The Killing Fields on the

Last night, the Army appeared to have the upper hand and General Aoun was trying to play down the importance and magnitude of the confrontation by declaring that his soldiers had been ordered to "join their brothers in military barracks to avert bloodshed and contain

Speaking on the militia's "Free Lebanon" radio station,



General Aoun: Sought to play down scale of fighting. Halat, just north of Beirut.

Mr Geagea left no doubt that this may be the final battle for the Christian leadership and he is prepared to fight to the end. "We will not allow those blinded by power to slaughter the Lebanese Forces," Mr Geagen said. "Our patience connot last forever." Apart from a number of

militia positions, units of the 20,000-strong Army loyal to the general took over a research centre known as "the house of the future" in Dhayieh, and the Casino da Lihan - two key institutions in the LF's structure of political and economic power.

Armed with tanks, field guns and mobile rocket launchers, Mr Geagea's 10,000 militismen could prove a most dangerous enemy. "I have ordered all the Lebanese Forces fighters to stay in their barracks and defend them," Mr Geogea said, although his men appeared to have been taking key military initiatives. The militia claimed it had captured the air force base of

round-the-clock litigation From James Bone, New York

of television addicts - "couch potatoes", as they are known - which already supports Weather Channel, a 24-hour forecast service on a cable network, is about to have its endurance further tested by two new stations which intend to brodcast round-the-clock action from the courts.

Hoping to cash in on the vision verité - which has real courtroom drama. already brought viewers reallife police on the beat and will soon also offer firemen and hospital doctors - two companies are racing to start live cable broadcasts of real trials.

American Lawyer Media Limited Partnership, a partner of Time Warner Incorporated, the communications giant, is already promoting American Lawyer Media Channel, as its service is tentatively called, for an October launch, while Cablevision Systems Corpora- 3.2 million households. tion plans to open its In Court channel in September.

Live courtroom coverage is now possible in 44 states in that his company's condensa- are barred.

America's growing population the US, and has produced tion of taped trial coverage year's child abuse case in New York against Mr Joel Steinberg, who was convicted of killing his illegally adopted daughter in his Greenwich Village apartment.

Local stations ran hour after hour of live testimony from the Steinberg trial, apparently convincing programmers that present popularity of tele- the public has an appetite for

But the first syndicated TV programme using only material from real trials, Republic Pictures Corporation's featuring fictional courtroom half-hour On Trial, which was broadcast last year on 140 local stations covering 75 per cent of the country, did not achieve a second season.

Admitting that real trials are often dull, its producers said that the show could not attract more than about three-quarters of its required audience of

Mr Charles Larsen, the head of Republic's domestic television distribution, conceded

such media successes as last could not serve up so spicy a diet as such fictional series as LA Law or People's Court. The new courtroom chan-

nels will try to break the monotony which characterizes the American legal system by providing commentary as though the trials were an Olympic event. They also plan, during dull

moments, to air short features and law-related news. For those who still cannot get enough, the In Court channel is considering screening films dramas at weekends. But one problem which the

new channels will face is that many of the most important, and interesting, trials in America, including the forthcoming cases against General Manuel Noriega, the former Panamanian leader, Mr Michael Milken, the junk-bond king, and Mrs Imelda Marcos. the former Philippines First Lady, are held in federal courts, from which cameras

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

President Gorbachov yesterday denied that he had any intention of resigning his post as Communist Party chief and declared that he was preparing for important decisions on the future of the country's power structure. His remarks came after a report on

Tuesday night by Cable News Network that he was considering standing down as party chief while remaining President of the Soviet Union.

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday dismissed the US report - which like earlier rumours sent world stock markets plunging - as "groundless".

Rumours predicting Mr Gorbachov's imminent demise have in the past always outpaced hard evidence that he is

Despite the latest denials, the number of candidates who could plausibly replace the Soviet leader, should be

resign or be deposed, is growing. Even a year ago, there were commonly held to be at most two alternatives to Mr Gorbachov: the obvious frontrumer was Mr Yegor Ligachov, who provided a

rallying point for those who felt that Mr Gorbachov's programme was a force for economic and social chaos and was ideologically unsound to boot. The other, less realistic, candidate was Mr Boris Yeltsin, not so much for his radical but vague political programme as for the rapport he enjoyed with ordinary people — amply demonstrated by his victory in the Moscow elections last spring.

decline, although the volume of applause for his contributions at forums like the Congress of People's Deputies shows that his popularity among the rank and file of the Communist Party is undimin-ished. The reduction in his influence could result from his responsibility for the still failing agricultural sector or reflect the political demotion he suffered when allotted the agriculture portfolio in

He also seems to have lost the preeminence he enjoyed in the Central Committee Secretariat. This body was almost disbanded when he was eff-ectively "Second Secretary", but it was rejuvenated late last year with the Mr Yeltsin's popularity as a politician

of the masses has, if anything, increased over the past year. However, the various ats of his programme — which would outlaw privileges for senior party officials, permit non-Communist parties to operate, and denationalize many branches of industry - appeal to different groups of people and alienate

He could realistically become leader only if a majority of the Central Committee decided that Mr Gorbachov was not reformist enough and embarked on a wholesale renewal of the leading bodies. Given that the Central Com mittee is at present more politically conservative than the Politically scenario is unlikely — unless mass demonstrations of the sort seen in Eastern Europe were to force its band. In that case the nomination of Mc Veletia. that case, the nomination of Mr Yeltsin might be seen as a way to placate the masses, while leaving the Communist

Party with a hold on power. As long as Soviet citizens stay off the streets, however, any replacement for Mr

either of the "extreme" wings of the party leadership but from the centre. Mr Gorbachov's strength as leader has been his ability to hold the centre, tipping now to the conservatives, now to the reformists, as one or other group tries its strength. Anyone who aims to succeed him will need to command the support of a majority of the Politburo — which is demonstrably divided — and possibly of the Central Committee (which is equally

If economic conditions in the Soviet Union deteriorate, and if nationalist unrest increases, the location of the centre may shift. It can be argued that the economic proposals for the next five-year plan presented by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister, last month indicated that the centre was already shifting, although it was still firmly controlled by Mr Gosbachov.

Were it to shift further, the two most plausible contenders for the post of party General Secretary and the increa powerful post of President could be Mr Ryzhkov himself, or the secretary with

Medvedev. Both have successfully concealed their personal political sympathies, bending as skilfully as Mr Gorbachov with the prevailing wind; each can claim to be a reformer or a conservative, depending on the circumstances and the issue at hand.

Of the two, Mr Ryzhkov — who impressed Soviet audiences on television in the aftermath of the Armenian earthquake in December, 1988 — probably has the advantage. He looks and sounds like a leader of the new school, possesses considerable personal charm (he was the speaker at last year's reception for International Women's Day), but has rarely shown himself to be an out-and-out reformer.

He emerged from last year's Central Committee plenums as a supporter of law and order and against a free-for-all in the cultural field. There is no evidence the economic guidelines for the next five-year plan, which so disappointed the reform lobby by supporting a continued role for central planning, were drafted against his advice - although

Mr Medvedev is a less well-known quantity. He has been seen as a conservative, partly because of his rather grey demeanour and the monotonous delivery of his speeches; parily because he stated categorically that Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's The Gulag Archipelago would not be published in the Soviet Union, a decision that has now been

He has been seen as exerting contin-ued, if lighter, censorship on the Soviet media, although television, in particular, has been transformed almost beyond recognition. His tenure has also seen the end of several ideological disputes with western and East European com-munists, which originated when the guardian of communist orthodoxy was Mr Mikhail Suslov. Mr Medvedev's ability to conceal a reformist soul behind a somewhat Suslovian manner might just give him the edge over Mr Ryzhkov in the stakes for party General Secretary,

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The struggle between the

A last-ditch attempt to prevent Romania slipping further into violent political chaos will be made today when allparty talks resume to try to find an agreed method of ruling the country ahead of the the 19 opposition parties reggeneral election in May.

In case of further demonstrations of the kind which brought the country close to anarchy in recent days. Sovietbuilt tanks and armoured cars were positioned yesterday round the Front's headquarters where the meeting

Officials working for the Front appear close to collapse from physical exhaustion. A member of the private office of Mr Petre Roman, the Prime Minister, who had just handed in his resignation, was asked why. "Tiredness and total confusion." he replied.

The atmosphere of crisis intensified when one of the country's leading poets, Ana Blandiana, became the latest intellectual to resign from the Front, which has been blamed for providing a cover for oldstyle Communists to continue running Romania.

leading political strategist on the Front's 11-strong executive unveiled a series of concessions designed to win the support of the main oppo-sition parties, whose offices have been attacked by mobs which the Front has been "We have seen through them," he added. "They are

accused of recruiting. The professor has proposed that the party should join a coalition to share power until voting on May 20, while at the same time splitting away the political wing of the Front to run as a contestant in the election. "We believe it is illegal for the Front to hold political power and to take revolution, has intensified part in elections at the same time," he told a group of Then the discredited parties,

three of which have now been Western journalists. In the present hot-house revived, were outmanoeuvred atmosphere it was unclear tactics of the Commu gesture made by the Front

would be sufficient to satisfy that turbulent era have warned that neither the past, istered so far. Most are connor the more recent years vinced that the Front is determined to maintain its pressive tyranny augur well grip on power at any cost in for a smooth passage to parorder to impose reformed communism of the liamentary democracy.

At the heavily guarded of-fices of the right-wing National Peasants Party, there "What we are now witnessing is a struggle for power was no mood for compromise. "We shall propose at the talks retain a communist system that the Front be transformed under another name and those into a National Union Counwho want to introduce West- cil consisting of those personalities who have fought communism in this country ern-style democracy and introduce a form of mixed communism in this country economy," said Mr Nicolae for 45 years, not just in recent Costel, founder of the Free weeks," said Mr Valentin Gabrielescu, the spokesman.

The NPP's proposal would Mr Costel said that seven automatically rule out leading parties running as various types of democrats had withmembers of the Front, like drawn a pact announced only Professor Silviu Brucan and four days ago to support the the interim President, Mr Ion Front's methods of organizing lliescu, who previously held leading posts in the Com-We are going to contest munist Party. Recent evithem because we have proof dence has emerged to show that Mr Iliescu, a friend of opposition", he stated. "Their spent five years in the Soviet Union, was close to the claims of spontaneity have Ceausescu family circle at a Mr Costel said his party was complaining formally to the Front that it had not received later date than he had pre-

viously admitted. • TIMISOARA: This cradle of the revolution has taught promised funds with which to the nation another lesson in run an election campaign. democracy by holding the first free local and regional elections in over 40 years (AFP reports). Two days after the poll, Mr Alexander Roskoban, the regional head of the Nat-ional Salvation Front, implic-Front and the parties, so vitriolic that it has overitly disavowed the country's new leadership by emphasizshadowed the enphoria of the ing that the Timisoara local council and the Timis regional because of memories of 1947. body would abide by demo-

Moscow takes slowly to taste of fast food



Gorky Square in Moscow yesterday. Promises of minimal quenes and service in seconds went by the board on the much-hyped opening day (Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow).

adred curious Muscovites, miss and work to be there - might have been disappointing, the quenes later in the day were fearsome. One Mascovite, who stood in the fearsome. One Muscovite, who stood in the drizzle for more than two hours, said it was as bad as quening for Lenin's tomb.

There were many enthusiasts for Moscow's newest eating experience. A couple of school-boys said the hamburgers "tasted beantiful". Others were impressed by the big paper napkins (the Soviet paper shortage means that restaurants cut each napkin into four small squares) and the babushka (elderly woman, right) tucked into the new taste with a will.

The office driver of The Times, however, sent out on his first assignment, was disappointed with the time between placing his order and receiving the food — a full seven minutes. "It was chaotic back there," he said. "They ere ranging backwards and forwards to no

effect." Although advertising had made much

He spent more than seven rounces (2/), according to the would pay for a meal in a Soviet installator the cafe, to sample the mean — including the heavily promoted "Big Mac" — but he still felt hangry. "Russians like to feel they have eaten," he said. "A hamburger is too light." He was far from alone in finding the ratio between price and substance upsatisfactory. The consensus seemed to be that hamburgers

would not become a habit in Mescow. But the queues are bound to continue. The restaurant enjoys one of the best addresses in Moscow, at the corner of Gorky Street and Pushkin Square, a popular meeting place opposite one of the capital's biggest cinemas.

The fast service requires not only trained assistants, but a trained public. Some of the Soviet customers were so intimidated by the milings that they turned around and left. Others, bewildered by the choice on the menu and unfamiliar with the notion of fast food, had to ask what everything was, whether it was available, and what was recommended.



Sharansky sees exodus as boost to peace

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

The exodus of Jews from the make it much easier to negodeveloping into the biggest such migration for several centuries, Mr Natan Sharansky said in London yes-terday, but he discounted American, Soviet and Arab concerns over its detrimental effect on Middle East peace. The influx of half a million

well-educated, highly moti-vated professionals as new immigrants to Israel would help bolster the country's sense of security and make it tions, he declared. With Eastern Europe moving towards democracy, the West should push for more democracy among Israel's neighbours.

When the Arab states developed their own democracies, there would be a strong chance they would develop their own Peace Now movements, their

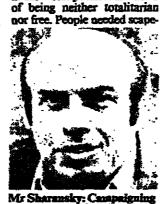
The Russian-born human rights activist, who settled in Israel after spending 10 years in Soviet jails for his dissident activities, said the rate of arrivals in Israel of Soviet month to 4,000 in the first two weeks of last month, and with anti-Semitism rising in the Soviet Union flights were already booked up until

The waiting list was cautiously estimated at half a million, and if plans for direct flights to Israel from a number of Soviet cities were implemented there could be 500 arriving daily - nearly 200,000 annually.

Mr Sharansky said the exodus was happening because of the anti-Semitism that was occurring amid the uncertainties caused by President Mr Sharar Gorbachov's reforms. "As a for fund

Communist, he thought that if goats and, from the intellecfreedom they would be so Jews were being blamed. grateful they would work better. He did not realize, thank God, that there is no such thing as a little bit of

The Soviet Union was now in the worst possible situation



he gave people a little bit of tual to the grassroots level, There had not been such a clear and pure manifestation of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union for many years.

Soviet Jews, who had been absolutely assimilated in the Soviet Union and had very little awareness of their Jewish religion, had begun to feel very insecure, said Mr Sharansky.

Following remarks by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, suggesting that the new immigrants might be settled in the occupied West Bank, both the Soviet and US governments expressed opposition to such action which, they said, would create new obstacles to a eaceful resolution of the Middle East issues.

This concern was misplaced, said Mr Sharansky. Israel was a free country and

settle in any particular place. No more than 1 or 2 per cent of the new arrivals were interested in living in the West Bank territory, he said. That was 20,000 out of a million.

Far from creating obstacles to peace, the influx of Soviet Jews bolstered its prospects. "I think the stronger Israel becomes, the more secure Israelis will feel and a feeling of security is what is missing from the Middle East."

Mr Sharansky is heading an independent campaign to raise funds among the Jewish massive task of absorbing the new wave of immigrants into Israeli society.

The Israeli Government is hoping to raise \$600 million (£360 million) from the disspora and hoping that \$60 million of that will come from Britain. Mr Sharansky be-lieves it will have to think in

Genscher insists unified Germany stays in Nato

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, said yesterday that a unified Germany must remain

In a wide-ranging speech looking ahead to a new Europe, he foresaw the Warsaw Pact working alongside the Western alliance to guarantee world, and thus European, security.

Herr Genscher's ideas go considerably further than those of other members of the Bonn Government, although Herr Alfred Dregger, leader of the Christian Democrats in the Bundestag, wrote in Die tenberg, the West German Well yesterday, clearly putting Defence Minister, said last forward the view of Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, that there was no question of West Germany leaving Nato after unification.

Herr Genscher, however, was in nobody's interest, and a reunited country must remain in Nato, he said, but Nato must not extend its military territory to take in present-day East Germany.

The alliance had to avoid taking advantage of the pol-itical changes in East Europe while ensuring that neither they nor reunification harmed

Soviet security interests. Speaking to the Evangelical Academy at Tutzing in Bavaria. Herr Genscher charted a future in which the two formerly confrontational European defence pacts co-opcrated with each other.

The ideas were the most

become known in the dip- pean, security. lomatic world as "Genscherism" - the art of exploring every avenue of East-West cooperation in order to further

unified Germany remaining in Nato without harming Soviet interests, he said, lay in reaching quick agreement at the Conventional Forces in Europe talks in Vienna. Herr Genscher said the first Vienna treaty must be fol-

night that East German soldiers would be allowed to serve in the Bundeswehr, provided they could show they were properly trained and capable (Ian Murray writes). Several hundred full-time officers and considerably developed the men from East Germany have applied to join the Bundes-wehr since the Berlin Wall was opened 2½ months ago.

> lowed "without pause" by a second round of negotiations eading to cutbacks that would make it impossible for either of the two military alliances to mount an attack

Once military forces were reduced to a defensive role, he looked forward to the former enemies forming "co-operative security structures". According to one of his aides, this would mean that the two alliances could form the nu-

advanced yet of what has antee global and thus, Euro-

Beyond disarmament he wanted 1990 to be also the year in which the Conference on Security Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) summit met The key to the problem of a and set the scene for a new European peace order from the Atlantic to the Urals within a "common European home".

> This tied-in the two superpowers. American involve-ment in CSCE showed it was deeply involved in Europe, while the Soviet Union was geographically very much a part of it. Germany's future, too, had to be part of an integrated Europe. Herr Genscher suggested 10

new institutions to help the integration process. These integration process. would be: An economic East-West co-operation institution, involving the proposed European Development Bank; a joint European institution for guaranteeing human rights, with the extension of the Council of Europe's Convention over the whole of the Continent; a European "legal space" with harmonized laws; a European environment agency; extension of the Eureka project (new technology) over the whole of Europe; cooperation of the European Space Agency with suitable East bloc partners, a development centre for a European telecommunications Structure; a traffic infrastructure and policy centre; cleus of a world peace force. European arms verification perhaps under the United centre, and a European centre Nations, which would guar- for the study of conflicts.

Israel rejects superpower criticism of settlement From Richard Owen ment said that "putting more settlers At the same time, leading Palestinians

Israel has reacted angrily to warnings issued by Washington and Moscow not to settle Soviet Jewish immigrants in the occupied territories.

Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, told Mr Arye Levin, the head of an Israeli consular delegation in Moscow, that the Kremlin would not tolerate the use of Soviet Jewish immigrants by Israel to dispossess Palestinian Arabs by pushing Palestinians off land

In Washington, the State Depart-

into the territories is an obstacle to peace", and the US would not provide funds for that purpose.

Mr Yitzhak Shamur, the Prime Minister, said in lerusaiem that international intervention was "artificial" because Israel was not directing immigrants to settle in the West Bank. But diplomats said Mr Shamir had himself aroused superpower concern by saying last week that a "greater Israel" was needed to absorb the thousands of arrivals from the Eastern bloc. Israeli experts have forecast a worsening financial crisis because of the cost of absorbing the immigrants.

called on "the nations of the world" to prevent Israel from settling Soviet

Mr Suleiman Naiab, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization executive committee, called on Moscow to reintroduce transit camps in Europe for Jewish emigrants. Mr Najab, who is leader of the Palestinian Communist Party, said in Tunis that the PLO was suggesting that the transit camps be "in Vienna, Rome or cisewhere", and that the Jews who went to them should be free to choose where they settled.

The Soviet Union should not same

to direct (lights from Moscow to Israel and should seek firm guarantees that migrating Jews would not settle in the st Bank and Gaza, he said. Mr Najab said he would put the demand to Mr Gennadi Tarasov, the

Soviet envoy, who has arrived in the city for talks with the PLO. Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, said "forcing Jews to go from Moscow to Tel Aviv was a form of racial discrimination". He declared:
"How can they go to Palestine, the land of Palestinian Arabs who have

been expelled?" Comparatively few new arrivals have chosen to live in the territories.

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Serbs serve ultimatum as Kosovo toll rises

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade

Five ethnic Albanians were killed in clashes with police in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province yesterday, the eighth consecutive day of protests.

Tanjug said three people were killed in the town of Giogovac, and reporters on the scene said a fourth person had also been killled there. Yugoslav television said police shot dead a protester in the town of Stanovac.

Yugoslav media and reporters in Kosovo say that 26 people have been killed since Albanians took to the streets last week demanding political reforms, although Tanjug has reported only 15 deaths.

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"It is feared that Kosovo is on the verge of a civil war," Tanjug said.

The latest violence came after thousands of Serbs demonstrated throughout the night in front of the Yugoslav federal parliament building in Belgrade demanding weapons. They also shouted abuse at the Slovene and Croatian leaderships, whom Serbia is accus-ing of backing the Albanian

In Titograd, the capital of relations with Slovenia be broken off. They also de-manded that an ultimatum be sent to the federal presidency to restore order using all means at its disposal, including armed force, within 48

The speakers insisted that, if the Yugoslav federal authorities were not capable of restoring peace within the given time, they should be forced to step down. Amid cheers, the speakers



Opposing signals: A Yugoslav policeman, left, makes a victory sign after a clash with Albanian demonstrators in Kosovo, while protesters also claim success. demonstrators demanded that announced that volunteers erupted in the town of are guarded by police, while galized in other parts of which has increased its relations with Slovenia be were ready to move to the Podujevo after some 3,000 the villagers keep armed vigil. Yugoslavia. They are also membership to almost region in defence of the Ser-Albanians, including women bian minority there and that with children in their arms, joined the protest and demtried to push their way to the an armed brigade stood by ready to move at a moment's town centre but were dispersed by police with tear gas

Belgrade radio said that and baton charges. Yugoslavia stood on the brink in Liphani protest marches of civil war, while the Serbian were quickly dispersed, but media kept whipping up after a few hours the protesters emotions. regrouped again. Cars and Every Albanian family in trains were being stoned by Kosovo possesses firearms; so demonstrators and roads were

being blocked.

Albanian peasants have onstrators are finding shelter in the wooded mountain villages where fierce fighting was

reported yesterday. The Kosovo region is becoming an open wound which threatens to bleed Yugoslavia to death.

The Albanian demoneing blocked.

democracy and a multi-party leaders, such as the Demobeen doing so ever since
Villages inhabited by Serbs system, such as is being lecratic Alliance of Kosovo, Serbia took over control of the

demanding free elections. The collapse of the Yugoslav communist party's congress and the disarray in the ranks of Yugoslavia's feuding impetus for the Albanians in the region to seek equal status

Given a choice, the Albanians would without any strators are demanding doubt vote for their own and protest. In fact, they have tracted civil war, which it democracy and a multi-party leaders, such as the Demo-been doing so ever since could never win," a Western

200,000 in less than a month. However, such a possibility is for the time being excluded by Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, who recommunists have provided an mains set against giving any political institutions to the Albanians. Barred from participating in political life, the Albanians have no other option but to take to the streets region. However, at this particular time they are play-ing into the hands of Mr Milosevic, whose popularity has been fading.

Serbian intellectuals have become disillusioned because of his reluctance to accept political pluralism, while Serbian nationalist extremists accuse him of not being firm

enough in Kosovo. The unrest in the region provides Mr Milosevic with a welcome opportunity to re-

store his popularity. But in Slovenia the Kosovo repression has been con-demned by all, including the local communist party

Slovenia and Croatia have called for an emergency meeting of the federal authorities, while in Kosovo Albanian militants are pledging to go on fighting to the last.

The view in the northern republics — shared by Western diplomats — is that Mr Milosevic's intransigence and reliance on repression only has thrown away any possibility of finding a way out of the osovo problem.

The Albanians feel that they are under Serbian occupation and, denied legal opposition and with an imposed leadership, they see their only chance in protest.

"If the Serbs do not relax their reign, Albanians would have no choice but to take to the hills," an Albanian dis-

sident said "Unless Milosevic accepts a dialogue with true Albanian representatives who enjoy popular trust, Serbia - and with it Yugoslavia - will be thrown into bloody and pro-

Urgent surgery on Glemp

From A Correspondent Warsaw

Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the head of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland, was in a serious condition yesterday after two emergency opera-tions to stop internal bleeding. Mgr Glemp, aged 61, was rushed from his palace to hospital on Tuesday morning, where an immediate operation was performed to stop

gastro-intestinal bleeding. A communiqué from the Polish Primate's secretariat said that during the night he had had a second operation.

A medical source at the hospital said that the situation was critical overnight and that "the cardinal is far from stable". President Jaruzelski, who frequently met Cardinal Glemp during the recent turbulent years in Poland, visited him in hospital yesterday.

Cardinal Glemp has been head of the Polish Church since 1981 after the death of Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski. He underwent successful surgery for a gall bladder problem

His policy of moderation in dealing with the communists over the past eight years angered many militants in the Solidarity free trade union movement, but he had the support of Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader.

His patience and regular contacts with General Jaruzelski, the former communist party leader who is now the head of state, brought success for the Church, whose position in Poland was officially

Cubans face the prickly realities of isolationism

do the Serbs.

reason, however, is not fashion but necessity.

tined for Cuban chins failed to Caribbean, fish has all but turn up in Havana in Decem- disappeared from the shops ber, provoking a severe short- and fruit and vegetables are age and forcing many men to rarely to be seen. Today, the stop shaving or sharpen used blades. The ship has now sailed in but Señor Rigoberto Fernandez, the Deputy Trade Minister, soured the good news by going on the radio to say that he had no idea when the next load would come.

A lack of "Sputniks" is just one facet of the crisis now being endured in Cuba as a stronghold of orthodox Cuba depends, the Soviet Union has cut heavily the smashing on to the Malecon, Havana's majestic old Havana's majestic old seafront, the upheaval in the communist world is pounding



Dr Castro: Confident he will weather the Gorbachov era. both the economy of Cuba and some of its leaders' convictions.

"We had a very difficult situation when we started our revolution, but this is the most difficult since then," says Se-not José Antonio Arbesu, Cuba's chief representative in Washington. But foreign diplomats, as well as critical allics like Nicaragua's Sandinista leaders, believe it unlikely that President Castro is about to go the way of his former col-leagues in Eastern Europe.

called - still enjoys great loyalty as the leader who threw out the Americans and gave his impoverished country a modicum of welfare as was different from the comwell as prestige in the world.

The "maximum leader" has just warned his people that what he calls the "atomiza-tion" of the socialist bloc the degree East Europe was."

Beards, long the insignia of President Castro and his guer-rilla comrades, have just made a comeback in Cuba The Moscow and Eastern Europe.

Meanwhile, fierce fighting

There is little meat, poultry, flour or milk available in A Soviet ship carrying 10.3 Havana. In this season of million "Sputnik" blades destraditional abundance in the daily bread ration is being reduced from 7oz. to less than 60z per household and the price of a loaf in Havana boosted by 30 per cent. The Russians are to blame again, say the Cubans, because Soviet ships have failed for the first time in 20 years to deliver wheat and flour.

Apart from the diminution and which Cuba traditionally also re-exports for hard

currency.

Havana taxi drivers have been told to expect the worst. The other big Soviet subsidy the high payment Moscow makes for Cuban sugar - is also on its way out, say Soviet

More bad tidings came last month when the Comecon trading bloc decided to switch to hard-currency trading. Approximately 80 per cent of Cuba's exports now go to Eastern bloc countries under the Comecon barter system. Yet another blow was dealt

by the US invasion of Panama. Under General Manuel Noriega, Cuba set up a string of front companies to handle exports and imports, enabling Havana to side-step the US

The big question for President Castro's Latin sympathizers as well as his American foes is how long he can fend off the forces of change, as pledged in the big slogan now seen in Havana: "Cuba would rather sink in the sea than take down the banner of revolution and socialism".

"Fidel wants to do things his way and he is sure he will Although effectively a dic-tator, Fidel — as he is widely Nicaraguan official. "He is also convinced that he will survive Gorbachov."

A US State Department munist leaders of Eastern Europe: "There isn't even graffiti on the walls. We don't think Cuba is threatened to

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PARLIAMENT

Government will make statement on Wallace case

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, will make a statement tomorrow on disinformation in Northern Ireland and the Colin Wallace affair.

MPs said that the wide and serious implications of the matter meant that other ministers should be involved.

There were calls for the Prime Minister to answer questions on

The issue was raised by Dr John Cunningham, shadow Leader of the House, who said that an urgent statement was required on the scandal after the news that the House, and MPs, had been misled in answers and

It might be appropriate for Mr King to make the statement, but there were wider implications in this sordid affair than solely matters of the Ministry of Defence.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said that Mr King would make the statement.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that after 20 years of disinformation the Government responsible had now admitted for the first services. time that it had occurred.

The response from business leaders to the new Training and Enterprise Councils had been magnificent and the national

network is expected to be completed well ahead of schedule, Lord Strathclyde, Under Secretary of State for Employment, told the House of Lords, Al-

ready 55 of the 80 councils have

opened for the Labour oppo-sition by Lord Pester, who said

training expenditure, had taken leave of its senses.

He seared the emergence of a "cult of mediocrity". While they must press for greater efficiency

in the use of existing resources,

they could not get far without

committing a good deal more.

He was speaking in a debate

been set up.

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Lord Wilson of Rievanla, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, Mr Stanley Orme, Mr Denis Healey and Mr Merlyn Rees. It was a constitu-

Colin Wallace should brought to a committee in Parliament – as Colonel Oliver North had before Congress – free from the threat of prosecution under the new official secrets legislation.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Moriey, Lab) said that there were implications for the Northern Ireland Office and

be present during the statement. Mr Jonathan Aitkin (Thanet South, C) said that the Prime Minister's press secretary had indicated that it was possible that she might have been misled by a previous statement made by civil servants to her, as a result of which a parliamentary inswer had been given.

If that was correct and if the security services were involved, that would not be a matter for the Secretary of State for Defence, who had no ministerial responsibility for the security

This had branded and black-ened the reputation of Mr Edward Heath, Dr David Owen,

Boost for training plan

the cheap, on the backs of our

teachers. No one can be happy with the lack of of provision of

up-to-date school books, or with the poor state of the libraries."

Public funds were being

committed to the City Technol-ogy Colleges when neighbouring schools were badly neglected.

The Government did not care for universities and was un-

appreciative of the contribu-

tions of great academics. If the public was once persuaded to

settle for mediocrity it would be hard, if not impossible, to restore the old standards.

Lord Strathclyde said that

Over the past decade, edu-ation expenditure had fallen, had been more central to the

relative to total public expen-diture and gross domestic the country.

We are getting education on ing nations will continue to have

made. Wider constitutional is-sues were involved. Would the Leader of the House consider whether different ministers should take part? Mr Ken Livings

East, Lab) said that he had received a letter from the Under Secretary of State for Defence, which admitted that allegations he had made relating to official documents about the use of army officers to plant hoax bombs were true.

The statement proposed was not good enough. He had raised the issue with the Prime Min-ister and had received denials from her. "I know from my own re

search that an entire dossier listing every one of these allegations was delivered on behalf of Colin Wallace to the Prime Minister in November 1984." The Prime Minister should come before the House to answer questions "because she answer questions "because she is the main beneficiary of this treason and she is the main

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): He must not make allegations of that kind.

Mr Michael Marshall (Armdel, C) said that he had been asking questions for seven years on behalf of Mr Wallace who was one of his constituents. It was essential to have the state-

a plentiful supply of cheap labour. We cannot compete on their terms.

"Our continued prosperity depends on us becoming more and more an economy of high productivity, high skills and high wages — but only if they are earned. The alternative is low productivity, low skills and high unemployment."

They must create a flexible

They must create a flexible,

Tories and Labour 'wrong on Europe'

He called for more power for the European Parliament and less for the European to Brussels. A European central bank, he said, would prevent the sticky hands of Conservatives and Labour ministers manipulating the economy to note active.

Labour manisters manipulating the economy to win votes.

Mr Ashdown said that there was a serious split inside the Conservative Party and the Cabinet over the future of the European Community and developments in Eastern Europe.

He moved a Liberal Democrat motion welcoming recent progress towards He moved a Liberal Democrat motion welcoming recent progress towards liberal democracy in Eastern and central Europe and the progress towards political and economic integration in the EC. Economic and social integration with the Community was not visionary, but of the deepest practical importance to every citizen in the United Kingdom.

The EC had, for a start, forced the Government to face the environmental problem, compelling it to improve water standards. Time and again, the European Court had defended the rights and liberties of British citizens. Increasingly, it would Brussels that would bring about

well motivated and multi-skilled workforce. Each of the Training and Enterprise Councils would have the freedom and resources — on it would Brussels that would bring about the free market. average about £20 million a year - to shape training provision and business growth services to Britain's ability to "sink or swim" in

prospered or declined. We must join in the emerging European unity and closer integration as the only way to protect long-term interests. It was the attitude of the Government and the Labour Party towards the new Europe that marked them as the parties of the past rather

There had to be a new distribution of power. Parliaments should be established in Wales and Scatland as part of that new distribution. They should strengthen the powers of the European Parliament instead of giving more power to the Eurocrats in Brussels or to the Council of Ministers.

A central bank was a key issue in conomic and monetary union in Europe roposed by the Delors report, not all of

proposed by the Delors report, not all of which they agreed with.

Liberal Democrats had no difficulty accepting the concept of a central bank, one that was organized along the lines of the Bundesbank. But the United Kingdom was isolated on the issue with both the Conservative and Labour parties opposed to it.

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They were opposed because they would do anything to maintain for themselves the power to fiddle the economy to win votes: the Prime Minister's capacity to debanch the economy before the last election.

concept of a central want at a politicians' sticky hands off the controls of the economy to win votes when a price

There was a severe dauger that Britain would be left isolated in the process of economic union and a risk that the other 11 countries would go ahead without her. I alway had found something in Labour had found something in Europe it could agree with: the social charter. But they must not allow it to take them back to the days of a corporatist state.

Those like the Prime Minister, who believed this moment in Europe was a time to backtrack, were both anwise and

No other nation took the same view as the Prime Minister that the time was right to halt the process of integration. The argument about whether to widen or deepen the Community was no The two were complementary.

Those escaping from the East did not say that they wanted Conservations or Thatcherism. The words on their lips were "liberal" and "democracy". They wanted a system of politics that valued human rights, community and wanted nan rights, com munity and repre-

wants regist, coatmany and representative government.

With the huge opportunities came immense dangers. It was time for pragmatism, not grand designs.

The peace of Europe for 40 years had been kept by two standing armies on the

brink of war. Work must now start to establish a new shape for Europe, which would probably not include the stationing of US or Soviet troops there. The task ahead was the redrafting of the collective security of Europe.

But that must not include the precipitate dismantling of Nato or the Warsaw Pact. This was not a time for unitateral action but for working with European partners. In the transition phase at least, the structures of the Warsaw Pact and Nato would be vital. They would be the medium through which agreement would have to be reached. Their early and precipitate dismantling would be very

uave so be reached. Their early and precipitate dismantling would be very destabilizing.

Mr Francis Maude, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said that the Government had no quarrel with the motion.

The epic phase of the revolution in Eastern Europe was probably complete. Democracy could not be created overnight. What was needed was the recreation of civil society. Eastern Europe wanted capitalist structures. But market economies went hand in hand

Fundamental would be to give free rein to the law of supply and demand. There must be a legal framework for investment, bankers operating under commercial criteria. They would need lawyers,

Soccer solution 'must not be imposed'

The following report of a Commons debate on the Taylor report on the Hillsborough football disaster appeared in later editions yesterday.

Mr Roy Hattersley, opening the debate, supported the idea of all-seat football stadiums, but said that the Government could not impose them and must consult fully. The Home Secretary and the Government had to show a spirit of co-operation.

"If progress is to be made to all-seat stadiums, the Government has to take the game with it rather than attempt to impose its will on it", he said. "It is important the opportunity Taylor pro-vides is not missed by arbitrary and authoritarian action. Mr David Waddington, Home Sec-

retary, said that the Government was determined to see a great change in the way the football was managed and a vast improvement in the way that clubs treated their customers.

Mr Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, moved a motion welcoming the report of Lord Justice Taylor as the basis for improve-ments to the organization of football, urging discussions with clubs and supporters about the cost and advisability of all-seat grounds, and calling for a reduction in the pools betting levy to its pre-1982 level to pay for improved ground facilities.

He said that the proposals for a membership-card scheme had been a diversion that delayed real progress on improvements for two years. Labour

at question time that devolution

at question time that devolution of power to an assembly in Edinburgh would lead to a sharp increase in income tax simply to keep public spending programmes at their present level.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind told the

House that the current level of

public expenditure per capita in Scotland was £1,771 and by 1992 it was expected to be

Sir Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C): Would be lose

whatever race, that they benefit to an extent that nobody else does in the United Kingdom in

all programmes of expenditure, and that if they were to consider anything so foolish as a socialist



Mr Hattersley: Arbitrary and anthoritarian action will not belp. would support a more vigorous use of exclusion orders to keep hooligans away from the game.

There was a desperate need for an improvement in the organization of football, and of the grounds in which the game was played. Was the Government prepared to assist in making that progress, or would it prefer to strike another tough posture, to cover its embarrassment over the identity-card

He would be prepared to see football clubs go bankrupt, and the game changed out of all recognition, if that was the only way of protecting lives, avoiding injury and preventing hooliganism. But that would not just be achieved by the Government's announcing that all football grounds must introduce seats within 10 years. The problem was far more complex.

"I have no wish to stand on the terraces any more", he said, "I am passionately enthusiastic for a seat to be similarly available to everybody who wants it, but there are a substantial number of law-abiding supporters who prefer to stand rather than sit down. The police regard standing in seated areas as a far greater threat to safety, to order and to good conduct of the game than standing on terraces."

"I believe the sensible conversion of football grounds into 100 per cent seating is in the long run right and irresistible. We should encourage a speeding up of that process." He added: "But also I believe nothing but harm can come from arbitrary and authoritarian edicts which will offend supporters and determine a wirel pert of the content." destroy a vital part of the game".

Mr Waddington said that the Opposition response to Taylor had been nothing short of pathetic. If what Mr Hattersley had said was the authentic

face of the Labour Party, the world could see it as a party for whom no problem

was so grave that it could not be dodged. Taylor had made the advisability of all-seat grounds clear, but Mr Hattersley merely urged clubs to ask themselves whether, even now, they needed to take action, or whether they should hold out the beginns bould to the taylogues.

the begging bowl to the taxpayer.

He did not say that there was not a case for more money to go into the game from the pools promoters, but a change in tax which benefited pools promoters would not necessarily benefit football which could put to better use the £18 million it received from television; the £8 million from the pools promoters and the £75 million which the Football Trust had promised over the next 10 years.

Mr Tom Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde, Lab), chairman of the all-party football committee, said that the Government should bring forward a Green Paper as a basis of discussion. The Taylor report would be pie in the sky unless the Government recognized the

urgent need for a cash injection.

Mr Denis Howell, Oppointion spokesman on sports, said that the Government should reduce the 42.5p in the pound it took from the football pools to offset the cost of ground improvements.

Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, said that the proposal for a membership scheme would be "put on the back burner". The problem of football hooliganism had not gone away and there was a national membership scheme still available. .

The motion was rejected by 277 votes to 210 - Government majority, 67.

Tax increase 'less Gallows is than predicted'

Increases in the community charge in Scotland for the coming financial year were less than many local authorities had predicted, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland,

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, with Mrs Shahida Nazai and her baby, Hina, at the Home Office in London yesterday. Mr Patten

Liberal Democrat motion

said at question time. Increases would have been even less, he said, if many Labour-controlled local authori-ties had not used their substantially increased grant to increase spending rather than to reduce

the charge. He added that Labour authorities appeared incapable of maintaining services without increases in local taxation, unlike non-socialist authorities, which seemed able to maintain

services by better management and better value for money. He was responding to Sir David Steel (Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale, Lib Dem), who had said that the average Scottish poll tax would rise by 9.1 per cent with some increases of 15 per cent. In view of that, how would the Government maintain to pensioners and ambulancemen that the rise in the cost of living was 6.5 per cent? Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) said that in some authorities the poll tax would be

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more than £400. Even with maximum rebate, people on social security and students who might have no grants would be expected to pay £100. "Is it any wonder that at least 500,000 people are refusing to pay?"

Mr Rifkind said that Mr Canavan's sympathy for those

on low incomes would be more impressive if he, on a very substantial income, were prepared to pay the tax.

During later questions, Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab) said that no matter how much the Government tried to tinker with the poll tax. it represented an onerous and unfair burden on poorer people. As they were in the season of Robert Burns, he would paraphrase the great man: "They'd break our backs for Maggie's tax, such a parcel of rogues in a

Amid laughter, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Under Sec-retary of State for Scotland. commented: "Robert Burns himself was an exciseman and

tion checklist for its councillors urging them to distribute leaflets

to residents and advertise the existence of rebates in local press and radio and to provide telephone bot-lines and posters; to streamline the arrangements for claiming

for claiming rebates; and to encourage early applications be-fore the poll tax replaces domes-

It also advises the appoint-

ment of a rebate liaison officer to

ensure co-operation between councils and the Department of

Social Security, and suggests that authorities should set tar-

It calls for the promotion of the take-up of transitional relief particularly for non-ratepayers.

Labour wants councillors to

use the action pack during the rebate campaign from February

gets for levels of take-up.

ic rates on April 1.

still being

The only gallows left in Britain — at Wandsworth Prison, London — last used on September 8, 1961, is still examined and tested every six months, Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply. The testing was undertaken by checking the equipment to see that it functioned cor-

He said that the death penalty was still available for offences of treason, piracy with violence, and certain treasonable and mutinous offences, re-enacted under the Armed Forces Act, 1971.

Inexperienced drivers

A Bill to stop newly quali-fied drivers from driving cars of more than 1,000cc for 12 months after passing their test was introduced in the Commons.

Mr Simon Burns (Chelmsford, C) said that the Newly Qualified Drivers Bill would oblige such drivers to display a plate showing their inexperience and restrict the number of passengers they could carry to two.

NHS cash for Scotland

Health service spending was £552 a head in Scotland. last year, compared to £205 in 1979, a rise of 34 per cent in real terms, Mir Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said at questions.

In the same period, the number of in-patients being treated was up by more than 20 per cent, out-patients 12 per cent, and day pa-tients, 119 per cent, be said.

Development budget Next year's budget for the

Scottish Development Agency would be £180 million, the largest it had ever had, Mr Las Lang, Minister of State for Scotland, said during Scottish

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-tions: Northern Ireland; Prime Minister, Statement by Secretary of State for De-fence on disinformation in Northern Ireland, Debate on

Commons procedure. Private Bills. Lards (3): Courts and Logal Services Bill, committee, fifth day.

MPs want tax aid Warning for Scots for part-time work taxpayers Taxpayers in Scotland were warned by the Secretary of State

A higher status should be given

to part-time workers, who are usually women, with better tax and pension provisions, the Commons employment com-mittee recommended yesterday. It said that the poor image of part-time work is unnecessary and undesirable, eucouraging a prejudice in favour of full-time employment.

However, the report stops short of recommending the extension of statutory employment rights to part-time workers.

The cross-party committee and the witnesses who gave evidence were divided on evidence were divided on whether the law should be changed.

"There are thus those who believe that the legislative framework should remain unaltered and that market forces

government, convention, as-sembly or independence, they mean that employers who need would be deprived of a level of labour will increasingly offer their part-time workers the same terms and conditions as fullliving which we uniquely, have in Western Europe? Mr Rifkind said that he agreed with the sentiment be-hind the question, but it was not One member, Mr Greville Janner. Labour MP for Leicester entirely correct because the level West, deplored the absence of of expenditure in Northern Ire land was actually higher than in Scotland. It was correct that recommendations to extend the recommendations to extend the protection gives to part-time employees. He said that almost alone in Europe we treated part-time employees as second-class was considerably higher, per capita, than England or Wales.

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workers. He added: "It is outrageous that a considerable proportion of our work force is unprotected against unfair dis-missal, has no minimum redundancy rights, and no maternity

Mr Ron Leighton, the Labour Mr Kon Leagnion, the Labour chairman, said that recom-mendations to change the law to protect part-time workers were deliberately left out by the

"It was perfectly plain from our discussions that there was a fundamental division within the committee and we thought it was sensible to say so."

More than five million people now work part time, mostly women in low-paid unprotected jobs. The report called for a more positive attitude, particularly from the Department of

With the shortage of skilled labour, there needed to be a shift in the economy towards dif-ferent patterns of working such House of Commons Employment Committee Second Report: Part-time work (Stationery Of-

nomittee Second Report:

Employment, to the benefits of flexible working hours and away from the rigidity of the present

Labour campaigns for rebates By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour Purty launched a receives it will be a vital task for

compaign yesterday to protect people against what it called the "fall ravages" of the poll tax.

It published moves designed to ensure that everyone entitled to community charges rebates received them. to community charges rebates receives them.

Mr Bryan Gould, shadow Secretary of State for the Environment, told a press conference at Westminster that the poll tax was anotherms to Labour. But the party had a duty to do all it could to protect people against "this very unfair and damaging tax".

A commissioning document

A campaigning document published by Mr Gould and Mr David Blumkett, the local government spokesman, said: "Ensuring that everyone entitled to a poll tax rebate chains and

It also declares itself pessimistic about

"Maximizing take-up will help to offset the full impact of the poll tax on those least able to afford it, while demonstrating that Labour is committed to combating the worst effects of the tax."

Mr Blunkett accused the Goverament of wasting £4.5 million of taxpayers' money on a "mis-guided and largely unhelpful" poll-tax propagands campaign. It had confused the public and added to the burden of already overstretched councils. Evidence from around the

country showed that the cam-paign had failed to have any real impact on the taken impact on the take-up of benefits. The money could have been used more wisely and effectively

Mr Gould: Party's duty to

protect people had been made available to local councils and advice agen-cies who knew their com-munities.

Labour has produced an ac-

Britain 'in peril of being marginalized in 1992' Britain's likely performance after 1992 and finds that British income per head is a fifth

Britain is in danger of being marginalized in the run-up to 1992 and is technologically backward, according to a confidential report prepared for the European Com-mission (Nigel Williamson writes). below the European average.

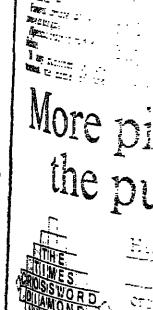
The report, which was prepared by the University of Louvain, further highlights technological backwardness in Britain. The report, which was disclosed by the Labour Party at a press conference at Westminster vesterday, compares the readiness of different regions for 1992 and places Britain, with Spain, firmly at the bottom of Europe's technology and training which it says would lead to low growth potential, and finds "training not in touch with technical developments".

Under-investment in transport and infrastructure, it adds, will lead to British regions being marginalized. The report, which looked specifically at

Strathelyde and South Yorkshire, concludes: "The differences in technological capabilities stem [partly] from a reluctance to invest in research and development".

Mr Gordon Brown, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, wrote to Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State, yesterday, asking what he proposes to do about the report's "grim conclusions". Mr Brown told the press conference: "The report damagnetizates the absurdate of Triandous." demonstrates the absurdity of Tuesday's announcement of further reductions in the industry budget".

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New referee for a troubled game

PROFILE

ARTHUR SANDFORD

Peacemakers" over the door leading into the chief executive's office in Nottingham County Hall. But Arthur Sandford has taken it with him to his new post as chief executive of England's Football League, which he takes up today.

It is debatable how appropriate the motto is for anyone taking up such a job only three days after the publication of the Taylor report into last year's Hillsborough trag-edy. If the game's first reaction to the report's disapproval of the Government's ID card scheme was euphoric, a closer look brought the realization that the whole basis of professional football in this country was under

The report leaves football or, more realistically, the 92 clubs for which Sandford will be responsible, facing the task of finding an estimated £130 million to make the improvements necessary to turn decaying 19th-century struc-tures into safe all-seater stadiums

fit for the 21st century.

And that is only Sandford's first problem. Hooliganism is, at best, under control, rather than conquered. The English clubs' continuing exclusion from European competition, a problem whose resolution may require the Gov-ernment's active goodwill — and there is no sign of that in the offing - is a running sore on the body of the domestic game, and preparing for 1992 is becoming a pressing

In itself that list would be formidable, were the league a united body. Notoriously it is not Ouarrels over money between the small group of rich clubs and the rest are a constant factor, leading to continual threats of a breakaway "Super League". Even Sandford's appointment,

ntil yesterday, there although finally unanimous, took was a sign proclaiming months of public bickering which at times threatened the survival of Bill Fox, the league president, to whom Sandford will be respon-

> Many people surveying Sand-ford's inheritance would decide that a capacity for knocking heads together might be of more use than an ability to make peace. Sandford has retorted that "Blessed are the Peacemakers" does not mean "Blessed are the Compromisers", and his close associates are in no doubt that behind the slightly worried expression there is a manager of high calibre.

> He has the classic background for a local government officer, and indeed football league administrator - the bright, working class grammar school boy. Sandford, the son of a Lancashire shuttlemaker, passed the 11-plus to go to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, one of the North's outstanding grammar schools. It was — and is — a famous soccer school, but Sandford's main claim to sporting fame in his schooldays was as a runner: when he was 15 he won the Lancashire junior half-mile championship. But his background made an interest in football almost obligatory.

There is a photograph of Sandford, at the age of six or seven, dressed as the mascot for Blackburn St Matthews, his uncle Harry's church team. Along with many of his peers he stood behind the goal at Ewood Park to watch Blackburn Rovers, the local club, which was then in the first division. A little later he played club cricket in the same team as Bryan Douglas, Rovers' inter-

He took up refereeing as a way of keeping fit, and that brought him his only other official position in football - secretary of Blackburn Referees Society. It clearly



caught his fancy, and he refereed in the Football Combination, composed of league clubs' second teams, and reached the football league list as a linesman from 1974

After QEGS he went on to the University of London to read law, graduating in 1962. He returned to the north-west, to Preston, where he was articled to the town clerk, and stayed for three years, before moving to Hampshire County Council as local government began to change course, it was the era of T. Dan Smith and big developments by local government. Hampshire was not the north-east, but it was also infected

by the more aggressive approach of the new wave of local government officers, and Sandford played his part in the development of new towns, as well as advocat-ing the building of

In 1970 he moved to Nottinghamshire. He was clearly marked out as a high flyer, and in 1978 he became the youngest ever county council chief executive when he was appointed by Nottinghamshire - a promotion that ended his refereeing career. But he retained his interest in football. Both the Nottingham clubs, County and Forest - where he was a regular spectator — found him helpful over a range of matters, and he was a frequent guest on Nottingham Forest's trips abroad for European matche When he argues passionately for the return of English clubs to Europe, which he regards as one of his most important tasks, he speaks from personal knowledge.

He showed, in local government, the fine political touch necessary in a council in which power was evenly balanced. He worked successfully with both Labour and Conservative council leaders, and his political skills enabled the council to surmount intense local divisions caused by

BIOGRAPHY A STATE

1941: Born East Lancashire 1941: Born East Lancashire
1952: Attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn
1959-62; Studied law at the University of London
1962: Articled to Preston Town Clerk
1963: Married Kathleen (two daughters)
1966: Joined Hampshire County Council as legal officer
1970: Joined Nottinghamshire County Council
1978: Appointed Chief Executive Nottinghamshire County Council
1978: October 31, appointed chief executive of the Football League

Those skills were in the local sovernment tradition, but unlike

rather than a reactive one. He is respected in Whitehall and has a reputation as a lobbyist, skills which will be undoubted assets if football is going to persuade the Government to unbend and give financial support, or help the clubs return to European competition.

the old town clerk, the new chief

executive saw his role as not just

carrying out his councillors' wishes, but setting their agenda

and being an active manager

His various staffs have liked and respected him, and that should not change. He inherits a smooth-running professional organization divided between the league headquarters at Lytham, office in London which, after years of neglect, is beginning to put the game on a much sounder financial

He is at ease in business, and has some experience as a fundraiser and financier. He played an important part in developing the National Water Sport Centre at Holme Pierrepoint, Nottinghamshire, and oversaw the sale of local authority land. "Our land sales ran to £17 million, so I'm used to dealing with big numbers," he once remarked.

The recommendations of the Taylor report mean he is now going to have to get used to even bigger ones. Running a local government machine is not the same as running a high profile industry like football.

"Alan Hardaker came from local government too, you know," he is fond of saying, revealing a dry sense of humour which will be much tested in the months to come. Hardaker, the league secretary between 1957 and 1979, ran the league virtually as a dictator, and the mention of his name

might cause one or two potential miscreants to shudder.

There have been suggestions that Sandford was the choice of the big clubs because they believed an outsider would find the league's unwieldy structure unacceptable and recommend changes in their favour. His background, and his friends' testimony, suggest that they may have misjudged their man. His record suggests that behind the mild exterior he has the necessary steel and management skills.

ut there is one serious question mark. He is stepping into a very public arena for the first time and, as well as an efficient and good leader, football needs one who will be seen as being dynamic and persuasive in other words, a good front man.

It is not a role easily associated with Sandford. "He has marginally less charisma than Graham Kelly," grunted one cynical journalist after Sandford's first press conference after his appointment. Kelly, effectively Sandford's predecessor and now his counterpart at the Football Association, was noted as an able administrator at Lytham, but notoriously lacking a dynamic

Kelly, however, has begun to blossom in his new role, and possibly Sandford will also. He has one thing going for him: with the English game facing its greatest crisis, the external threat is likely to persuade even the most bullish Super Leaguers that, for the moment, everyone has to pull together. That in itself is an advantage none of the league's previous leaders have enjoyed. Even then, a talent for knocking heads together might still be

Peter Ball

he most damning poetess is Elena A. Dingle to be explained. It is frustrat-thing one can say (anag). From time to time, she ing not to be able to see a cine about a crossword clue is that it could se it reads so oddly. The art of the compiler is to make turning carthorses into following day. But how would clues read logically, smoothly and innocently. Perhaps we succeed in *The Times*, for one of our solvers has been so struck by what she is pleased

This is only one example of annotate (computers are notate to its only poor judges of the difficulties of their own clues), and where would we find the space in our basement on the to call their lyrical language is, of course, the correction of space in our basement on the that she now turns them into alleged error. For example, back page, given the need to verse. An example culled from although the Shorter Oxford keep the puzzle below the

The war god has not backed Othello in battle Tamed, perhaps and Die, we hear, as a result of

scarched earth -Funeral carriage about to arrive at the gate (Specious order to sup with Belial).

If any publisher is inThe most frequent letters, terested, the name of the however, are requests for clues

sends me new examples hot even when you have the from the grid, begging me not answer, and I have sometimes to bother acknowledging thought of adding occasional "because you must be busy notes under the solution the

defines a canter as an easy gallop, more than one reader has pointed out, apropos a dubious recent clue, that the four paces of the horse are the walk, the trot, the canter and the gallop. "However," con-cludes one, "all horsemen are aware of the need to make due allowance for their pedestrian brethren.

We did, it is true, publish a footnote last year when I felt the clue "Telegraphed reply reported from Austerlitz, for example (3-6)" (tap-dancer) would be impenetrable to those who had solved the

The perils of the compiler

Crossword addicts keep The Times team logical, smooth and innocent

explain the clue "Billy Graham fired thus (8)" (cremated)? This refers not to the evangelist, but to Harry Gra-ham's Ruthless Rhyme: "Billy. in one of his nice new

Fell in the fire and was burnt homophone "tapped answer" but did not know that Austerlitz was Fred Astaire's real grows cold and chilly,

Now, although the room I haven't the heart to poke

Some readers feel we should drop our rule of anonymity and identify our compilers at least by pseudonyms. We have 10 regular compilers plus myself. I fear that unsuccessful solvers might come to regard certain setters as personal bêtes noires and avoid their

As it is, the puzzles are by a different hand each day of the week and vary in difficulty,

though not, one hopes, in consistency or fairness. The Saturday prize puzzle, incidentally, is not necessarily the hardest of the week, but is chosen as a good example of the lind.

Sometimes the same word The compiling of the puzcrops up in different puzzles zles seems to interest many intended for the same week. readers. The first question is One must then either leave how does one start - with one of the puzzles to lie fallow clues or the grid? The answer is the grid, because if you start for a couple of months or attempt structural repairs if with the clues you soon find the grid will allow it. But if the that you cannot fit more than about half-a-dozen chosen word or ohn both long and memorable words into the grid which, golden handshake, to take a being symmetrical, is fairly painful example - there is intractible. (We do not make really nothing to be done up the grids as we go along, except warn compilers to lay but use any of our 25 stock off it for the next couple of

Filling in the grid usually And it may not be easy to takes a couple of hours (longer if the words behave perversely find a different clue for the in the bottom right-hand corduplicated word when it is ner). Devising the clues, which eventually used. We had a bad is the enjoyable part, can be run once with conundrum,

which had to be successively clued as: Firm with a woman in order

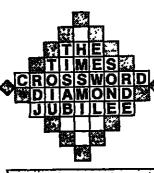
to beat a problem; Tricky question, admitting sister to company party once; Problem sister, running up and down in the country tea

party; and Fish swallows blue tit difficult puzzle. And, finally, there is the

difficulty of the virtually unclueable word. Sometimes one can find it in a quotation, but that is a last resort, for any worthwhile quotation should spring to the setter's mind naturally, and not from a traipse through the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations. But, having said this, I have to admit I know there are no quotations that include either epaulette or stupefy, because I have been driven to look at

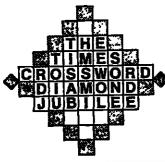
John Grant

More pieces to the puzzle



Here is the fourth set of

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clues to our prize crossword, the answers

section of the grid

ACROSS -

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136 Track almost complete but sleepers aren't (7) 145 Inn's surroundings, where

earners get together (5)

earth (5) 155 Jet-set? (4-5) 163 Make steady progress in

146 Plant I removed from

workshop (5) 164 King, a fellow showing element of nobility (5) 171 One who lays down his life

174 Where a too-enthusiastic wet has gone? (9)

for another (11)

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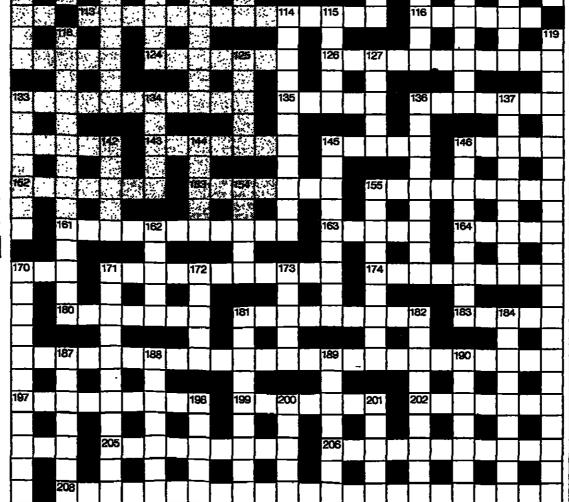
photographed (7) 181 Putting on show or concealing? (9) 183 Bilingually, the end of a

fairy (5) 197 Arranged a loan sum nothing unusual (9) 199 A foundation on the rocks

202 Ought to change — that's not an easy task (7)

205 Neat knitwear in craft collection (9) 206 On a trip, drinks in exalted

mood (4,7) 268 From the M1 men, we hear many stories (3,8,3,3,6)



DOWN

109 Problem with pipe tune finally use appropriate key

115 Tent, for example, endlessly there for king (5) 119 Threatening acquaintances booked in France (3,8,11)

127 Tribesman repeatedly volunteers to run (5) 136 Old men from Ireland it's fittile to chase (4,5)

137 Patriotic work from staff

in land I adore (9)

145 Group with mission providing work for church

146 Possible to get quarters that can be improved (9) 155 Science established by

sound investigations (9) 162 Poet's angry? Wordsworth's speechlessly distraught (5)

171 Book with coloured cover

172 Unqualified to speak, mainly (5)

173 Deliberately lose a chance 181 US writer sets end of play in Californian city (9)

182 Fine judgement makes sound sense (4,5) 184 Immediately on the side of river, initially (9)

doctor's admitted (7)

Overwhelmed by anxiety,

188 Old man's work the lion destroyed (7)

189 Remove smooth characters before I appear in French city (7) 190 One hound I set free he escaped with ease (7)

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198 Confusion upset university

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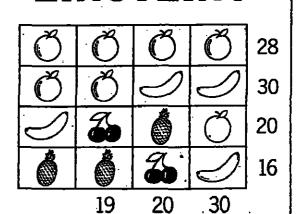
been broken into five sections, which are ring throughout this we On Saturday we will reprint the whole grid,

together with the remaining multi-section clues. Entires should be filled in on the gnd which is reprinted on Seturday. There are 12 prizes on offer for the

 There are 12 prizes on offer for the successful solvers, the winner will receive £1,000 and a trip to India for two, counterly of Hogg Robinson and Cox & Kings. The second prize is a numbered set of the \$2-volume Encyclopsedia Britannics in the limited edition Platinum binding, and a matching copy of the Britannics World Data Andual. Each of the 10 runners-up will receive The Times Atlas of the World.

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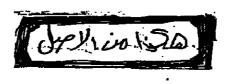


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ence. Uniformed gnards stand at the garden gate of Romania's most famous dissident. They **G**MES check the papers of her visitors and turn most of them away. It is as it was, except that today they are there to protect her from "terrorists" — that is to say, her **JIARY** former colleagues. Their uniforms are army green, as they were before December 22. People ask: where have all the

ALAN HAMILTON

ews that His Excellency Señor Don José J. Puig de la Bellacasa is going home after nearly seven years as Spanish ambassador at the Court of St James's has caused widespread regret. He returns to Madrid next month to become private secretary to King Juan Carlos, with the expectation that he will eventually become head of the Spanish royal house-hold. The ambassador is already well acquainted with Spain's jovial motorcycling monarch, having been his secretary before Carlos took the throne. Bellacasa's achievements in comenting Anglo-Spanish relations have been little short of remarkable, in spite of the constant irritation of massed lager lours on the Costax the first state visit by a British monarch to Madrid, a visit here by Juan Carlos during which he addressed Parliament, an official visit by the Waleses, and a guest appearance in Spain by Schora Thatcher herself. But probably the bravest act of his tenure was to light the first beacon during the 1988 anniversary of the Armada, a small matter many Spaniards would really prefer to forget. Touchingly, Bellacasa is refusing to go home until the Queen returns from New Zealand, so that he can bid her adiós personally.

 Using the local valuation rolls, Chris O Using the local valuation rolls, Chris Patten, our pen-green Environment Secretary, has sent out 1.7 million letters explaining the new business rates for property. Many have been returned, including one addressed to "The Occapier, The Mortuary, Manchester Road, Buruley." No longer at this address, I lungine.

est Germans are getting happier and happier; it must be something to do with the prospect of reunification. The Wickert Institute has just asked 4,067 of them "Have you laughed dready today?" and found that 89 per cent of them had. Three years ago only 79 per cent were laughing, and at the end of the Seventies just 77 per cent. The over-50s — the ones who will have to pay most of the control of the seventies. tax to make reunification work - laugh least, but even 84 per cent of them are happy. Only a nation as deadly serious as the Germans could hold such a poll.

Tews that the fishermen of Peterhead are barrering ten Scottish mackerel for one Russian haddock makes me wonder how they work out the relative values. How many Loch Fyne kippers equal one sturgeon? How many Arbroath smokies to a halibut? Is this the official haddock rate of exchange, or black market? And if the Scots ever achieve independence, will they demand parity between the Finnan haddie and the Dover sole? Will the humble coley be allowed to join the European Monetary System? The Russians seem happy enough to dispose of their Baltic whitefish; all I can assume is that, having digested the opening of the Moscow McDonald's this week, they are not yet ready for the fish and chip shop.



'One quarter-pound cabbage burger to go, Comrade'

espite Dame Daphne du Maurier pooh-poohing the idea of a biography before she died last April, her daughters have commissioned one. Margaret Forster, novelist and biographer of Thackeray and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, has been assigned the formidable task. It will be published by Chatto and Windus, and Forster, in her four-year undertaking, hopes to give the "elusive" du Maurier her rightful place in the pantheon of 20thcentury novelists.

had never thought of Concorde in the same terms as a packet of custard creams, but a knowledge of things that fly is apparently no longer a prerequisite for landing a top job with British Airways. Jane Wilson has left United Biscuits to become brand manager for BA's fleet of the world's most beautiful aeroplane. There she will find that one of her senior general managers is Ian McComas (late of Heinz beans), another is Mike Batt (late of Mars bars) and her director of marketing is Liam Strong (late of Colman's mustard). Clearly it is not a matter of what you sell, but how you sell it. And there's much to be said for volume; one Concorde single to New York roughly equals 8,500 Mars bars.

Mark Almond on a Romanian conspiracy to bury the past

Triumph of the turncoats

are reminiscent of the old order's birth pangs 40 years ago. Silviu Brucan, the Front's chief spokesman and probably its brains, was then the author of editorials and articles justifying the tactics of the National Democratic Front's supporters and denying govern-ment complicity in breaking up its opponents' meetings.

A young man in Brasov works in the same building as the man who interrogated him monthly until December. A tape-recording existed of him telling a British tourist an anecdote from On Sunday, student demonstrators carried tattered pieces of newspaper hidden under floors for 40 years: they were Brucan's articles in Scinteia demanding the time of his military service: a clear case of espionage for the imperialists. His interrogator, the death penalty for the then opposition leaders. Others had then a securist, is now a member of army counter-intelligence.
Andrei Plesu, the new minister
of culture, is gnarded by the man
who kept him under surveillance disfigured photographs of rela-tions who had been executed in those grim days: the Securitate had cut out the faces.

→ oing to see Doina Cornea

again at her home in Cluj is an uncanny experi-

Securitate gone?

for the old regime.

The turncoat is as essential to

a successful revolution as the martyr. What critics of the ruling National Salvation Front fear is

that the turncoats have taken

charge at the expense of the

demonstrators who braved their

bullets in December. The street

disturbances of the last few days

Brucan, now in his seventies, risked his life last year by criticizing Ceausescu. But his criticism was essentially that the dictator's madness was destroying faith in communism. Now that he has come out on top, where does Brucan stand? The man may leave the party, but does the party leave the man?

The most striking aspect of the trial of Nicolae Ceausescu's four closest political associates (outside his family) which opened in Bucharest on Saturday is the determination of the presiding judge to allow no discussion of events in Romania before De-cember 16, 1989. "The past is a foreign country; we all incriminated ourselves there," seems to be the justification for the narrow frame of the trial. Fear of the revelation of complicity in 40 years of repression haunts the men who toppled Ceausescu's 24-year-long rule.

Without the extraordinary courage of the students and others in so many cities, the enerals of both the army and the Securitate would never have found the will to turn against Ceausescu. But without the secunity forces' desertion of their master, the slaughter of the crowds would have continued. The men who made the coup within the December revolution are now afraid that their past services to the regime will be exhumed and found to outweigh their service to the revolution. The apparent determination of the old apparatchiks at the head of the Front to hold on to power has united the principal opposition parties. Doing Cor-nea left the Front, in which she was enrolled against her know-ledge, and has refused to join any party. She is disappointed that Ion lliescu and his colleagues, with their administrative experience, were not willing to act as a transitional government leading to a democratically chosen post-

essential services from chaos. Unlike many of those who chant "Doing Cornea is with us", she does not want revenge for the past, just guarantees for the future. It was the Front's decision to stand for election against the disparate opposition parties despite its control of the media that led to her resignation.

communist system and preserve

Only the Front is allowed to operate in the factories, which remain under the direction of the old ministries, in turn controlled by the Front. Even with-out the burden of his past, it would be difficult to believe Brucan's denial of foreknowledge of the demonstrations against the opposition parties on Monday. The opposition may be right to say the workers (and soldiers in civilian dress) who have attacked its leaders and offices are manipulated by the

However, the level of genuine support for the Front should not be under-estimated. To the avcrage Romanian, the Front has brought heating and lighting, and perhaps most importantly, a real sense of freedom. Passengers remark on their delight at talking to foreigners on a train without worrying about the other people in the compartment. The real benefits of the fall of Ceausescu are magnified by the Front's crude but effective propaganda. A visit to the now ransacked offices of the National Liberal

Party revealed how proud they were of a few antiquated typewriters, but the television gave

the impression of fat-cats with dollars trying to steal the revolution from the people. Brief television slots are given to the multiplicity of parties (some rumoured to be Front creations) but they are often followed by bedside interviews with wounded heroes of the revolution expressing their support for Ion lliescu and his colleagues. So far the clashes between

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supporters of the opposition and of the Front have led only to bruises and bloody noses. Some of the intellectuals who are critical of the Front fear that if the tide of public opinion began to flow in favour of the current underdogs, worse might follow. The students think that they overthrew Ceausescu and there-fore they are not afraid of lliescu, but behind Iliescu stand the generals of the army and the Securitate who helped to form the Front. At least one professor, a shrewd critic of Iliescu, fears that the military would step in rather than allow the opposition to take power and set up an inquiry into the past.

Although the old apparatus of repression is dormant, its agents are to be seen not in demob suits but in army uniforms. Growing chaos might suit the turncoats better than the dissidents. The author is lecturer in modern history at Oriel College, Oxford.

Bernard Levin, rejoicing in step-by-step manuscripts, is thankful that the master composers had no computers

Switching to a different key

musical autographs at Sotheby's not long ago at which the original manuscript of the Schumann Piano Concerto fetched £880,000 (by far the highest sum paid at the sale), not only because it was obviously an exceptional treasure, but because the experts have found substantial traces of Clara's hand in the autograph score; so substantial, indeed, that it seems we may have to call it the Schumanns Piano Concerto in future.

The same sale included a number of Beethoven items, crowned by a sketch for the first movement of the Ninth Symphony. The very thought of such an item makes me tremble; to look over Beethoven's shoulder as he wrestled with that unique and astounding opening would be as close to God as we sinners are likely to get:

In what distant deeps or skies Burnt the fire of thine eyes? On what wings dare he aspire What the hand dare seize the

There was also a Schubert ms, of a Magnificat, described as "lost", leaving it unclear whether it was only the ms that had been lost and was now found, or whether the work itself had hitherto never been known about. If the latter, I trust the new owner will have it published; to think of even a fragment of Schubert left unplayed, let alone a complete addition to his catalogue, would be unbearable.

Mind you, I have held in my hands the original score of the Coriolan overture; perhaps not among Beethoven's best-loved masterpieces, as, for instance, Egmont is, but surely one of his most characteristic creations, in its numerous unexpectednesses. the most unexpected being that strange finish with the four ghostly chords, like some set of great folios shutting. (The museum which let me touch the Beethoven ms drew the line at their Gutenberg Bible. Still, many years ago I turned the pages of the Kelmscott Chaucer; it was going for £900, and I didn't buy it, fool that I must

There is, I think, something much deeper than curiosity in the wish to see the hand actually at work: what wouldn't we give for a volume, a page, a line, of Shakespeare's! For one thing, we could see how the first attempts turn gradually into the finished passage; oh, I know Ben Jonson said "He never blotted a line", but that was surely an exaggeration, understandable in a tribute to a dead friend and colleague. But to see the ink he dipped his pen in, rusting now on the page, would be a magical experience.

Berlioz said of the second

movement of Beethoven's are stored automatically until I setting down his billiard cue, written down in a single sitting." And that is what we all feel when we hear it, so magically complete and perfect is it. But Berlioz was wrong: Beethoven's sketchbooks show that he worked long and bard, changing his mind over and over again, until at last he was satisfied, if indeed Beethoven could ever be satisfied. Ars est celare artem.

For that matter, Beethoven's most notable change of mind is Fidelio in its entirety. If you compare the original work, which failed in the theatre, with his second thoughts, you will find that every time he made an alteration it was for the better, and the result is not only one of the greatest operas ever written, but one of the most profound statements about love, truth, courage, justice and deliverance ever made in any form.

t is now said, with much plausibility, that the age of manuscript is coming to an end; I ran into a tiny example of the plausibility not long ago, when someone wrote to ask for the original manuscript or typescript of a particular column (in which my correspondent had been mentioned). I was obliged to reply that there was no such physical reality; the article had been "typed" on the green glass of my Atex VDU, and once I had pressed the appropriate button (I am very good at pressing the inappropriate button), it went on its way into the Times' system, untouched by human hand.

This in turn led to another, more mysterious, question. I ned the episode to friends not versed in computer typesetting and similarly arcane matters; I explained that my words

Eighth Symphony that "It was conceived in an instant and whereupon the right button will bring the entire text to the screen. "But where", asked one of the company, "are your words before you bring them back to the screen?" I realized that not only was I unable to answer the question; there was a sense in which I couldn't even understand it.

I can make noises, of course: The words are stored as electrical impulses." But for all that actually means to me, I might as well say that they are written down by an angel with a golden pen. It is all very well to be assured that the medium is not the message, and the contents are still supreme, but I don't trust this world; I fear that one day I shall wake up and find that the last bottle of ink has been emptied.

Let us go back for a moment to where we started. There are computers which can copy music as easily as words; suppose Beethoven had had one of them. You can say that he would have written the same music. But we should never have had the evidence to confute Berlioz over the Eighth Symphony, and we would never be certain which version of Fidelio was the better. because Beethoven would have wiped the earlier version.

What is more, we would have lost something very valuable from our idea of Mozart. For he did conceive of masterpieces in an instant; with some of his greatest works the fair copy exactly matches the sketch, indeed is the sketch. We have to believe it, from the incontrovertible evidence of the manuscripts, which was the last straw for Shaffer's Salieri ("Tonight at an inn somewhere in this city stands a giggling child who can put on paper, without actually

casual notes which turn my most considered ones into lifeless scratches".) But if those casual notes had had no existence other than as part of a machine's electronic innards, the argument could never have ended, or even

Il is not yet lost, though, as I can testify. I possess the original manuscript score of a work dedicated to me, in fact written for me, by a young composer of great gifts, hight Richard Blackford. (He also, without actually setting down his billiard cue, wrote the music for my last two television travel It is a fantasia for wind quinter

(flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon) on themes from The Mastersingers, and is called Por*trait of Hans Sachs.* It was presented to me first in a surprise performance; the circumstances were festive, and reminiscent of Wagner's birthday present to Cosima, the surprise of the Siegfried Idyll. I would not part with my manuscript for ninety-nine times the sum that bought the Schumann Concerto ms, and it is no use your waiting until I die and going to the auction of my effects, for I shall have bequeathed it to one who loves music and Richard as much as I do.

For a month only, Alec McCowen is reviving his memorized reading of St Mark's Gospel, at the Half Moon Theatre. Those who missed it at the Mermaid or Queen Elizabeth Hall should not miss now one of the most remarkable and profound theatri-cal occasions of their lives. I have no interest to declare, other than the satisfaction it will give me to know that I may have persuaded even a single waverer to go.

Ronald Butt

A knee-jerk sermon

the overriding political danger ahead of the Gov-ernment is that it will either not defeat inflation decisively in the next year or that, it it does, the cost of victory will turn growth into recession and the fall in unemployment into a renewed rise. That is not an economic climate in which it is easy to assuage public discontent with the condition of many public services and the level of investment in them.

In a tactical sense, therefore, the progress report from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Ad-Archbishop of Cameroury's Auvisory Group on Urban Priority
Areas, Living Faith in the City
(the sequel to Faith in the City) might be said to be well-timed Moreover, although it has followed its predecessor into the fray against the trend of government policy, it has done so with greater circumspection. The Government's commitment to the renewal of the inner cities is acknowledged, though with criticism of the resources allocated and the methods of deployment. Yet the report reveals deplorably shipshed and illogical think-ing and its words ought not, because they are softer in parts, to escape critical analysis. As good a place as any to begin is the following sentence: "In brief.

the Government's claim is that

more central control a smaller

total of public expenditure can

be used more effectively to en-

courage a higher level of private

sector investment, leading to more rapid and sustainable local economic regeneration." But that implies that the Government sees selective tarecting and central control as a way of spending less. In fact, the Government's claim is only that they are the best way to get value for a given amount of money. the supply of which cannot be infinite. Nor would anyone suppose from the sentence quoted that the Government is actually spending much more in real terms; the implication seems to

be that it is spending less. The report goes on to criticize as inadequate the policy of encouraging a higher level of private-sector investment to benefit the priority areas. Then, having it both ways, it adds that it does not "seek to prejudge the political choices between free market and interventionist solutions to these problems and the range of practical courses in between these extremes". But to contrast the "free market" and "interventionism" as opposites in this context is absurd; the money given to stimulate the private sector is itself interven-

The truth is that the term "free market" has become both a buzz-word and a bogey in the church circles which consider these matters. They know that it is something that they must come to terms with. But they stay convinced that what they call "interventionism" (which must be direct) is the way of virtue. Recalling that Faith in the City tended to recommend

interventionist policies as the

best practical way, the report remarks that it could not say this was wrong "in the deplorable situation that exists in Urban Priority Areas today.

So too, on poverty and employment the report recalls the belief of Faith in the City that "too much emphasis was being placed on individualism and not enough on collective obliga-tion". It records the fall in unemployment without acknowledging that this has been due to the free-market policies it derides. It adds that the number still unemployed is much higher than would have been tolerated until a few years ago but does not mention the concealed un-employment which formerly led to inflation paid for by everyone.

ndeed, nowhere does inflation come into the argument at all, which is what makes the report so purblind. Instead, the report attacks attempts to draw a distinction between absolute and relative poverty, declares that society is becoming "more unequal", seems to reject targeting social benefits and declares that current economic and social policies are intended to "recast" society.

It states: "Policies based on common obligations, corporate responsibility and social justice to a loss of personal freedom, the growth of bureaucratic vested interests and economic stagnation." From the first part of that sentence, you would hardly think that the public spending announced in this week's White Paper for the next year will be 39 per cent of the gross national product; that by far the largest spending item is £56 billion on social security; or that health will take £22 billion, and that both

represent increases in real terms. The report proclaims that "economic and social policy has therefore come to elevate individual freedom as the paramount goal and the dimension of the community has been neglected" and states that for a considerable number of the poor "the picture looks bleaker than it did in 1985".

Yes it does, but only because inflation has returned to plague us. But the report has nothing to say about this, or how money is to be found for the potentially never-ending rise in potential claimants on the public purse. One sentence alone makes

common sense. The report declares that over the next five years those who take poverty seriously must talk about the principles of the welfare state and the philosophy behind the move from universal to targeted means-testing benefits. Quite so. And that means talking about ways and means. If the church insists on setting up committees on political economics, let it do so properly, talking about where the money it wants to spend is to come from and stop treating it as a kind of manna If it wishes to play in the game

of political economy, it had better set up its own committee of ways and means.

Guests, welcome and uninvited

came to dinner, a vintage friend circa 1952. I had a nightclub in Chelsea at the time and he, an undergraduate, would come and help with the washing-up when my regular kitchen porter was overcome by St Patrick's Day. Later he became a captain of cricket and I got my own back, playing for his team. I went to his wedding; he became godfather to my third child. Then when I was in Parliament and he an academic I used to be invited to come and

shout at his customers - though

our politics differed substantially.

On Monday evening a friend

In short a genuine friend. He lives in the country, came to London by train, took the Underground, walked I, too, took extra oubler eschewed the street market, went to the expensive greenprocer and bought his best melon (big mistake, that), soaked a piece of gammon for 24 hours and baked it in a covering of brown sugar dissolved in overproof rum - what the Jamaicans call "Be Rude To Your Mother-in-Law" because it gives men the courage to do just that, garnished it with chunks of pineapple and slithers of fresh ginger caramelized to

shining mahogany.

We had new potatoes with parsley and undercooked Brussels sprouts liquidized with cream and a scrape of nutmeg; a bottle of Amarone 1977, one of the great Valpolicellas ... and before dinner we watched the marathon from Auckland on television - he saying that red-pant looked good. I advising him not to write off green-paut who had a fearsome

finishing burst. Red-pant won. I was slicing frozen croissants horizontally, filling them with matured farmhouse cheese and anchovy fillets prior to putting them into a low oven for 12 minutes, when the pastry would crisp, the cheese melt, and we were playing cricketers' initials: Pecbles? "IAR - that's O level stuff." What were Sutcliffe's? Trick question. Sutcliffe only had one: H. "Here is an S level: Merchant who played for India?"
"Do you mean VM or UM?" He failed on Dempster CS, I on

Shackleton - whose initials were

never an issue, he was called

Shack - when my daughter, his godehild, arrived and the con-



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versation became more general We discussed the thrifty Scotsman who was in a blue movie and played it backwards because he so enjoyed it when the hooker gave him the money. We talked of our work: my friend's was taking him to London four times this week, committees mostly. Emma was either going to front a worldwide television awards ceremony, or do cabaret in an upstairs room of a pub in Islington; which did we think she should go for?

I was still on readers' letters, about me answering the rude ones with "how kind of you to find the time to write" and the nice ones with enthusiasm — like one from a Gloncestershire lady who was worried about my getting ripped off by London garages and gave me the name of hers, which was honest to a fault and so inexpensive that I would show a profit if I drove down, stayed the night in a local hotel and had a good dinner. Emma's taxi came. I asked my friend when his train left; he said 11.10, had some more coffee and I drove him to the station.

On that Monday night after Emma had got home to London N16, locked her door and gone to sleep, burglars cut a hole in her downstairs window, gained admission, and stripped the ground floor of her house of most of her prized possessions; meanwhile my friend got back to his house in the country at half past midnight, set the alarm for 6am and drove back to London to a meeting not a mile from where we had dinner. "You oaf," I said to him on the telephone on Tuesday evening

when I found out "You could have stayed here, you know we have a spare room, why did you not say?" And he ummed a bit and said: "I didn't want to impose

on you, old chap."
Tallulah Bankhead once came home from a drunken party with a seal - which she put in the bath in her apartment. In the morning her housekeeper had gone, leaving a note on the kitchen table to explain that she had departed because of the seal. "I do not like seals, I would have mentioned this before but did not think it

would come up." I was going to explain to my friend that life was about successful communication but decided that after all those years I should have known about him and said-Blessed are the meek for they

Meek BW, he said; played for Worcestershire in the 1940s.

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THIS UNSPORTING LIFE

The two Welsh weightlifters, disgraced at the Commonwealth Games for taking steroids, will receive scant public sympathy. They cheated. By doing so, they have damaged the Games, this country and their sport. This is especially sad because their reputation for good-natured competition has earned them the sobriquet "The Friendly Games". After all the political discord of recent years it looked as if this gathering in New Zealand might once more justify that pleasant title.

They have badly let down their compatriots from Wales, who have won a record basketful of medals and were contemplating a glorious homecoming. Indeed not only Wales but the whole of Britain will probably suffer, through a 12-month ban on all of its weightlifters from appearing in international competition. That is hard on those who have not themselves transgressed. But their sport must shoulder some responsibility for its failure to eradicate the practice. It is only by taking draconican measures now that the authorities will stamp out the growing abuse.

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Memories are still fresh of the 1988 Olympic Games at which the Canadian sprinter, Ben Johnson, was stripped of his gold medal after winning the 100 metres. The athlete was disgraced - yet banned for only two years from competitive running. Negotiations have begun for his return to the track this year for a reported "multi-million dollar" sprint against Carl Lewis - who was eventually given the gold medal in Seoul. A two-year ban with a small fortune at the end of it hardly sounds like an adequate deterrent.

In this respect one must commend the British Amateur Weightlifters' Association which will almost certainly ban Ricky Chaplin and Gareth Hives (the offenders in Auckland) for life. Weightlifters, more than any other sportsmen, are tempted to take body-building drugs. An Indian competitor has also been disqualified in Auckland, while an Englishman failed a drugs test last October while taking part in trials in this country. It is imperative

that the sport's own authorities convince competitors that the risk is not worthwhile.

Methods of detection have improved. By testing the medal winners in all events, plus a random selection of others taking part, the organizers should be able to catch out those who break the rules. But the numbers detected. though relatively small, suggest (as The Times has frequently maintained) that a much bigger problem lurks beneath the surface.

A partial answer may be the introduction of random out-of-competition testing, which will catch out those taking steroids during training. This would prevent them from being picked for their country in the first place. At approximately £100 a test, this is a costly burden for sports bodies. But the Sports Council will try out a regimen this year, which should act as a powerful deterrent in the future.

Even this, however, may not be enough. The use of muscle-building hormones has already spread beyond organized sports in Britain to a growing number of body-building enthusiasts. An international black market has developed, with Britain being used as a staging post for

Yet anabolic steroids when taken in large doses, without a medical prescription, can have disturbing side-effects. There is evidence that a number of sportsmen and body-builders have been taking them in quantities far beyond those medically prescribed for patients who are genuinely underweight or undernourished. There have been reports in the United States of people suffering paranoid delusions, increased aggression and violent outbursts, leading even

The Government needs to make possession of these drugs a criminal offence, as is the case in Norway and Sweden. The US Senate is now again considering legislation. Yet the Home Office in Britain is still hesitating, despite pressure from a number of politicians including the Minister for Sport, Mr Colin Moynihan. Perhaps this latest evidence of abuse will persuade Whitehall to act quickly.

A PLACE IN THE SUN

The general election campaign in Japan has already begun. The election, expected to be held on February 18, will be more bitterly fought than any in Japan's post-war history. For the first time, the hegemony of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) is in doubt. Also for the first time, perhaps, the outcome is important not only to the Japanese but to the rest of the world.

The vote, after months of unprecedented national soul-searching, is likely to be close. Japan's political culture has been transformed by the series of domestic and international shocks since Hirohito's death a year ago. Japan's governing élite has been badly shaken.

The Recruit influence-buying scandal led to the resignation of Mr Noboru Takeshita, the former prime minister who remains the LDP's power-broker. Then a public outcry over his association with a bar hostess forced his successor. Mr Sosuke Uno, from office.

Last May the United States branded Japan an unfair trader under the US Trade Act. Public discontent over a much-needed tax reform, which involved a 3 per cent consumer tax and the lowering of Japan's barriers against agricultural imports, underlined the increasing difficulty of reconciling economic liberalization with traditional domestic interests. The voters inflicted a crushing defeat on the LDP in elections to the Upper House last July. Japan's Socialist Party, led by the charismatic Mrs Takako Doi, suddenly became a real political

The LDP's leadership believes that public disgust with the penetration of politics by big business has subsided. Heavily supported by the Japanese business federation, the Keidanren, it is trying to capitalize on anxiety about the recent weakening of the yen.

Mrs Doi's party has failed to exploit last summer's triumph. It has failed to shed its Marxist baggage, its commitment to abolish

Japan's defence forces and its promise to abrogate the Japan-US security treaty. This failure has alienated other, more moderate opposition parties with which it might have formed a coalition. Even so, the LDP's majority in the Lower House is likely to be more modest than the present one of 295 seats.

Anger over the consumer tax has refused to die down: recent polls show nearly two-thirds of the electorate opposed to it, and the same proportion consider it the most important electoral issue. The Socialists used their power in the Upper House last month to pass a Bill abolishing it, which was later reversed by the LDP in the Lower House. They will seek to make the tax an issue across the country, and will also refresh voters' memories of the Recruit scandal.

If the LDP wins, it will be largely due to the growing popularity of the Prime Minister, Mr Toshiki Kaifu. Previously little known, Mr Kaifu had greatness thrust upon him last August by a leadership unable to find anybody else who was relatively untainted by either financial or sexual scandals. Mr Kaifu is unlikely to be left in office to enjoy the fruits of

He was selected in part because, coming from the smallest of the LDP's factions, he could be cast aside once the crisis subsided. A decisive win might reprieve him, but otherwise Mr Takeshita may force him to give way to a leading member of the party's old guard, Mr Shintaro Abe, who was also implicated in the Recruit scandal.

That would set back the rejuvenation of Japanese political life, which urgently needs to develop a modern, accountable system if it is to equip itself for a place in the world commensurate with its strength. Even more than fiscal reform, political accountability ought to be the overriding issue in this

DOGGED DOES IT

Is Dr David Owen really necessary? Is there a role in the British parliamentary system for a politician of the centre with no visible means of support? The contribution which the leader of the Social Democratic Party made yesterday to a seminar at the Royal United Institute for Defence Studies suggests that the answer to both questions is yes.

His subject - Western European political and security perspectives - was loosely enough defined to allow him to roam freely over the landscape. The situation in Eastern Europe, the future of Nato, German reunification and the future of the European Community were all summoned into the surgery and subjected to brisk examination.

The SDP leader is impatient with those Western politicians and diplomats who argue that the break-up of the Warsaw Pact would complicate the CFE negotiations or devalue the CSCE process, arguing that the justification for signing the 1975 Helsinki Final Act was precisely that it would encourage movements like Charter 77 and protect manifestations of trade unionism like Solidarity.

Dr Owen is also critical of the Prime Minister's recent assertion that a strong German push for reunification would be no way to thank Mr Gorbachov. In his view, it would be ill-conceived to grant the Soviet Union any droit de regard over German reunification. The idea, in present circumstances, of invoking the Four-Power Agreement over Berlin as a way of overriding what he regards as the absolute right of self-

determination, he describes as "risible". His views about Mr Gorbachov are notably unsugary. It is, he says, "sheer folly" to regard him as one of nature's democrats, as someone who needs to be rewarded for accepting the reality of the decline of the Soviet empire. Mr Gorbachov is still a communist, "and probably still the Leninist he repeatedly claims to be". (Dr Owen obviously does not intend this as a

compliment; perhaps he has forgotten that towards the end of his life Lenin wrote "every time you are faced with a choice between doctrine and reality, choose reality").

Dr Owen's message to Mr Gorbachov is that a common European home is alive and well and is called the European Community. He asserts flatly that the Soviet Union lost its economic claim to superpower status a decade ago. He overstates the extent to which its military status has been eroded, but he is sensitive to its security anxieties, and concedes that the most pressing of them relates to the military profile of a united Germany.

He believes that this would best be met by a declaration by Nato that if Germany were to become united, the alliance would no longer seek to deploy any forces from countries outside Europe on German soil. He urges, however, that this should be a Nato initiative, and he is adamant that there should be no concession to the Russians that there is any equivalence in the stationing of Soviet forces in Eastern Europe and US forces in Western

One of the traditional benefits of opposition is that it gives politicians a degree of leisure. Relieved of ministerial burdens, they can take a long view, reconsider some of their received opinions, challenge those of the Government and prepare for the time when the pendulum will swing them back into office. In the field of foreign affairs (and with the proving exception of Mr Denis Healey) it is not something which the Labour Party is currently very good at.

Although it is fashionable to deride Dr Owen as a leader without a party, he still effortlessly unstages opposition leaders who have that advantage. Some of his ideas are better than others. By the standards of the present day, he expresses them in a manner that is notably unpartisan. In his dogged way, he is exercising an important function. He remains a substantial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr David Whitaker Sir, A performance by the BBC Radio Orchestra to be transmitted this week under my baton coincides with the sad news that the orchestra is to be disbanded (report, January 27). I will be but one of the millions who has enjoyed the excellence of its combined musicianship.

May I suggest an alternative to the governors: rather than resort to the inevitable and archaic method of pruning away the musicians first when times are getting hard, they could combine the Radio Orchestra with the Concert Orchestra and create a new BBC Pops Orchestra which would eventually emerge as a world-class orchestra in this category, and second to none - the pick of the pops".

By transmissions, public performances, and the sale of records, they will then compete with, and certainly get the better of, the Boston Pops and the millions of Reader's Digest albums which already exist.

There are several millions of listeners and buyers throughout Europe who will welcome the continuance of music in the lighter vein. The BBC, which has worldwide coverage and publicity at the throw of a switch, should apply these resources to maintaining its unparalleled supremacy in the

Yours etc DAVID WHITAKER, Nether Barn, Nethercote Road, Tackley, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Peter Seekings-Foster Sir, An amalgamation of the former Revue and Variety Or-chestras of the 1940s, the BBC Radio Orchestra, having already seen the cost-cutting departures of three other BBC popular music orchestras in Scotland, Man-chester, and the Midlands, has just celebrated its silver jubilee and appointed its first principal conductor in 10 years.

Under the popular leader, Michael Tomalin, and the baton of lain Sutherland and an army of internationally-known guest conductors, the RO has been presenting four shows per week on the Radio 2 network, and recorded inserts into many other programmes. Subject to contractual obligations, it has also been in ever-increasing demand for public performances around the country: mostly "live" or recorded concerts for later broadcast transmission.

There can indeed be few orchestras of its type today whose versatility is economic in itself, regularly splitting itself into smaller units as necessary - not least among them the ever-popular BBC Big Band. It is as a part of the full Radio Orchestra aggregate that the Big Band's distinctive character should continue to entertain millions.

Yours faithfully, P. SEEKINGS-FOSTER, 43 Stanway Road, Coventry, West Midlands.

Dying in hospital

From Mrs Sheila Dilks Sir, In reply to Marjorie Wallace's letter (January 20), I have worked in the NHS for 18 years. During that time I have never refused, or seen refused, a relative of a dying patient the right to stay overnight. I admit we do not often have a spare bed, but do offer the most comfortable chair!

Working practices can always be improved and I hope in the future we can extend this service. In the meanwhile I would reassure any future NHS patient that they need not die alone, at least at my hospital Yours faithfully.

SHEILA DILKS, 12 Clarendon Close, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire.

Condition reports

From Mr J. Quine
Sir, When will hospitals find a
more suitable adjective than
"comfortable" to describe the condition of badly injured patients in their care?

Recent examples are an 88-yearold woman who was raped and lay for 24 hours on the floor of her home suffering from shock and hypothermia; a teenage boy who received multiple fractures in both legs in a car accident; and last night the same word was quoted by a radio newscaster concerning an 11-year-old girl savagely mauled by a bull terrier! Would not "recovering" be kinder and more accurate?

Yours faithfully, The Little House, Spa Esplanade, Herne Bay, Kent. January 17.

Hong Kong rights

From Mr Norman Tebbit, CH, MP for Chingford (Conservative) Sir, Mr Moman's article in your edition of January 29 is a wearisome and offensive rebuttal of a number of views which I have neither expressed nor hold. However, as he should know, it is a fact that Britain was not a multicultural multiracial society before the 1960s and the proposition to make it one was never but to the British electorate.

Approve of it or disapprove of it as one may, it is simply impossible to reasonably claim that people here were ever asked to vote on it. What is more, I have made plain in word and deed that I entirely oppose unfair discrimination on grounds of colour or religion.

None the less in one important paragraph Mr Moman puts his

Disbanding of a BBC 'big band' Anomalies in test of parenthood From Dr R. G. D. Newill From Ms Jane Mellor Sir. You report (January 22) that Sir. It seems that Mrs. Thatel

Sir, You report (January 22) that some Scottish peers are becoming alarmed lest the blue blood of Scottish aristocracy becomes contaminated with the red blood of semen donors. This alarm is based on the assumption that the father of a child born following donor insemination is always the donor of the semen.

This is not necessarily the case, since any man who is producing sperms, however few, could be the actual father of his child providing he is living with the child's mother. It is quite impossible to prove that he is not, since he cannot be compelled to submit to blood or other tests.

This applies equally to men who have been declared sterile on the strength of semen analysis. I have known of two couples, referred for artificial insemination by donor (AID) on the grounds of the husband's total sterility, where the husband has subsequently impregnated his wife and his fertility has been confirmed by myself.

It is normal practice for couples who have a child following AID to register the husband as the child's father. This practice is not necessarily dishonest, since he could well be the child's actual father. Yours faithfully, ROBERT NEWILL

Fern Court, 39 Park Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, January 23.

Unwanted fathers

From Mrs Ian W. Merry Sir, In my six years as a social worker with one-parent families, for the Diocese of Winchester, frequently encountered unmarried mothers who were most anxious that "the father" should have no hold over them or their child, nor know their whereabouts.

In the permissive late seventies and early eighties, these young women might have had only brief contact with the man in question, or might have grown to dislike or mistrust him on better acquaintance. Some had turned out to be violent, some to have criminal records, some to be married, some were still schoolboys.

the importunate enquiries of social security officials and being branded as unco-operative, such young women found it easier to say that they had no idea who the father might be. In some cases, of course, this was true.

Yours faithfully, ROSEMARY E, MERRY, 3 The Grange, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire. January 22.

From his Honour Lvall Wilkes Sir. Your leader (January 18) on paternal responsibility is clearly correct when it suggests that the very special debt to maintain one's child should be made a matter for the criminal law to enforce. At the moment, the mere civil debt arising from an attachment of earnings order is avoided and evaded and discharged by the father leaving his job as soon as he

hears the order has been made. The problem is compounded by the fact that many one-parent mothers will prefer the easier option of State benefit rather than playing any part in incurring the hostility of the father in any attempt to make him pay. It is mothers as well as fathers who have to be persuaded that it is right that fathers be compelled to support their children.

What we are reaping today is the whirlwind from Government and

Manchester poll tax From the Leader of Manchester City Council

Sir, On January 23 you published a story claiming that "creative accounting" deals by the city council could push up Manches ter's 1990-91 poll tax to £733 per

This is the shocking figure which, the city treasurer reports, would be required next year just to maintain services at their 1989-90 levels. It is the direct result of withdrawal of Government financial support, particularly the £104 million which Manchester has lost through Government redistribution of the income from its new unified business rate.

You failed to mention that the city council's so-called creative accountancy schemes have benefited Manchester residents enormously, bringing more than £100 million of extra funding to the city during the past four years. This enabled the council to protect jobs and services which, unhappily, are

January 29. finger right on a point which I have made, although he seems not to be aware of that. He writes: That does not mean minorities

Leave aside that I would say not equal but the same treatment, the important point is that the Government's proposals are riddled with "preferential treatment" of a select group.

should be given preferential treat-

ment: they should receive equal

First, Hong Kong Chinese are to be admitted ahead of and in preference to Asian and Caribbean would be immigrants, close relatives of those already lawfully settled here. Second, there is to be

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Sir, It seems that Mrs Thatcher's speech at the National Children's Home (report, January 17) struck a positive note with a large section of the public when she addressed the complex issue of maintenance

payments by absentee fathers. Is it not curious, then, that this same Government is at present nego-tiating a Bill through Parliament which will create the very situation that Mrs Thatcher is so eager to avoid? The current Human Ferti-

isation and Embryology Bill will, through clause 4(1)(b), allow women who are neither married nor co-habiting to become parents through artificial insemination using donated sperm (AID). In addition, clause 27 of the Bill says that the man who has donated sperm will not be considered as the father of the child (unless it is his wife who is inseminated).

The full impact of these clauses is that national resources may legally be used to encourage single parenthood and that the children born to single women in these circumstances statutorily would have no father. Cannot the Government see the financial and moral inconsistency of this aspect

Yours faithfully, JANE MELLOR (Research Officer), Care (Christian Action Research) & Education). 53 Romney Street, SW1. January 29.

Church support in the cause of

easy divorce (see the Church's document, Putting Asunder). The aftermath of broken homes, of

children fleeing from home and "sleeping rough" to escape from stepparents with whom they do

not get on, are only some of the symptoms of this breakdown.

Yours faithfully

January 18.

principle.

Ogle, Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Mr John D. Crosthwaite

Sir, In your leader you advocate,

clearly, your support for the Prime

Minister's initiative in closing the loophole on deserting fathers avoiding maintenance of their children following divorce, and

few would disagree with this

At the moment legally-aided

divorce is an expensively sub-sidised self-inflicted wound on the community, and restoring "conduct" as an eventual element in the granting of divorce decrees is called for. The divorce laws have become as amoral as some of the people they seek to serve. LYALL WILKES, The Gin-Gan,

Instead of merely stonewalling

However, it is to be hoped that Government will, at the same time, review and clarify the relationship between the two elements of ancillary relief. Namely, the adjustment of capital assets and income between the parties, which at present are viewed separately by the courts. There are many cases where, after the courts have exercised their discretion in this respect, the parent with custody has abdicated responsibility by evicting the child.

It would be a travesty if paternal responsibility in these circumstances was trapped with a financial obligation as a debt, owed to the State, through Revenue means as a tax or any other statutory device, following property adjustment, lump sum and periodical payment orders, made in good faith by the courts. Yours truly, JOHN D. CROSTHWAITE,

5 Ranelagh Place, New Malden, Surrey. January 22.

now threatened by the corrosive

Incidentally, the Government has now declared that Manchester will gain so greatly from the introduction of poll tax that each of its residents must pay £71 next year to help poll tax payers in less fortunate parts of the country — a malicious joke lost on the people of Manchester.

What will Manchester's actual poli tax level be? For about three months, the city council has been assuring everyone, including newspapers which would listen, that it would not impose a tax anywhere near £700. It is aiming to get the figure down nearer £400. a desperate task which deserves understanding rather than aspersions by the press.

Sincerely. GRAHAM STRINGER, Manchester City Council, Town Hall, Manchester M60.

a preferential treatment both of some Hong Kong Chinese as opposed to others and as opposed to the Hong Kong Asians who are likely to finish up worst of all.

What is perhaps more worrying is that the views Mr Moman holds on the immigration issue in general are, in my view, incompatible with those of the party in whose name he intends to stand as a parliamentary candidate.

I may be right or wrong, in a minority or majority, but I stand precisely, clearly and exactly on the policies on which I and every Conservative member of Parliament was elected and which I would have expected all Conservative candidates to support. Yours faithfully,

NORMAN TEBBIT, House of Commons. January 29.

Ways of handling aggressive dogs

From his Honour Michael Argyle, QC, and Mrs Argyle Sir, Of course no condolences can help the agonised and grieving parent of the little girl killed by Rottweilers. Nor (if it really be true) can anyone justify obscene messages from Rottweiler owners

or desecration of the grave. But the position is not helped by intemperate language or a policy of extermination, as proposed by Bernard Levin (January 29). Rottweilers are very strong and re-spond well to whatever training they receive.

Of course, some are obviously owned or handled by inadequate or irresponsible people, and it is to be recognised that a minority of them may act unpredictably. But our three daughters, as tiny child-ren, loved and were loved by their grandmother's Rottweilers - one bitch and, later, one dog. Such cases are legion, but it seems impossible to get the media to recognise this. Yours faithfully

MICHAEL ARGYLE (Vice-President, Midland Rottweiler Club),

ANN ARGYLE (Immediate Past The Red House, Fiskerton, Nr Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

January 30. From the Chairman of the London

Boroughs Association Sir, No sensible person include even the most fervent dog lover - could argue with Bernard Levin's conclusions on the need for some form of legislation to control potentially dangerous

dogs. The London Boroughs Association has proposed that the Government should take advantage of the impending review of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 to include such "pets" as Rottweilers, pit bull terriers, and other dogs which are clearly bred for their strength and aggression. Under these proposals, the breeding, selling, and owning of specific categories of dogs would be restricted to licence-holders, with local authorities having the right to refuse licences to anyone considered unsuitable.

It is imperative that new legislation to control aggressive dogs is brought in quickly in the light of the Government's failure to introduce a nationwide dog registration scheme, with a realistic licence fee, as argued for by the RSPCA, ourselves, and many other organisations. Yours faithfully,

PETER BOWNESS, Chairman, London Boroughs Association, 23 Buckingham Gate, SW1. January 29.

Homes without TV

From Mr Alan Essex-Crosby Sir. The outbreak of bumbledom in Durham described by Mr Gerald Bonner (January 22) inspired by his refusal to complete and return an enquiry form issued from the Bristol computer does not surprise me. Over almost 20 years I have been receiving forms asking why I have no TV licence, with visits from inspectors. They hunt after dark like the dustbin

On the last occasion I sent a copy of the form (which I had completed and returned) to my MP. I made then a suggestion that the burden of chasing TV defaulters should be put on the TV trade explaining how this could be done.

My letter having been passed on to the Minister of State, Home Office, in due course I received a copy of his reply explaining that the Records Office maintains a computerised list of addresses throughout the country with a note against each one as to whether or not a licence is held. The minister added: If your constituent confirms that there is no television in use at his

address he should not be troubled again for some time. However, in all I have had to deal with this situation at least seven times. The minister com-

pletely ignored my suggestion for an alternative system. Yours truly, A. ESSEX-CROSBY, 3 Brantwood Court, Brantwood Rise. Banbury, Oxfordshire.

January 23. A knotty question

From Mr M. Lynas Sir, My own preference is for the end of a tie to just reach the belt line (letters, January 20, 27). But surely, the really knotty question must be concerned with how to achieve this precise position first

time, every time, when ties are all

different lengths, Yours faithfully, M. LYNAS, Muirfield, Foxgrove Lane, Felixstowe, Suffolk.

From Mrs Katharine Minchin Sir, In the matter of making ends meet the onlooker sees more of the game. Ends level with the last visible button often leave a great deal too much shirt visible to the onlooker in an area most men would prefer not to be drawn to attention. Ends to the "belt-line" thus avoid ridicule and cleaning bills as the shorter version often appears in the soup.

Yours faithfully. KATHARINE MINCHIN. Kelross, Lutener Road, Easebourne, Midhurst,

West Sussex.



Service for Sir Charles Smith-Ryland which was held at

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by The Lady Glenconner at the Memorial Service for Sir Charles Smith-Ryland which was held in Coventry Cathedral

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and

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January 31: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon received

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January 31: The Queen was
represented by the Viscount
Boyne (Lord in Waiting) at the
Memorial Service for Sir
Charles Smith-Ryland (Her
Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire) which was held in Coventry Cathedral today. The Duke of Edinburgh was ted by Colonel Gerald

Leigh.
The Princess Royal was represented by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke.

The Duchess of York today attended the Memorial Service for Sir Charles Smith-Ryland which was held in Coventry Cathedral.

KENSINGTON PALACE January 31: The Prince of Wales, Royal Patron, Chindits Old Comrades Association, held a reception for the Chindit Memorial Appeal in the Ken-sington Palace State

The Princess of Wales, Patron, London Symphony Chorus, at-tended a concert at the Royal Festival Hall, SWI.

Mrs James Lonsdale and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in atten-

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by the Lord Stafford at the Memorial

Marriages Today's royal engagements

Lord Worsley and Miss A-K, Zecevic The Princess of Wales will visit The marriage took place on Friday, at All Saints' Church, Brocklesby, Lincolnshire, of Lord Worsley, son of the Earl and Countess of Yarborough, of the Crown Pools Swimming Complex, Crown Street, Ips-wich, at 10.55; the British Telecom and Dupont Technologies factory's research estab-lishment, Whitehouse Indusand Countess of Yarborough, of Brocklesby Park, Lincolnshire, to Miss Anna-Karin Zecevic, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Zecevic, of 1 Swan Walk, London, SW3. The Reverend Stephen Phillips and Father Milun Kostic officiated. trial Estate, at 11.40; will open the new Suffolk Record Office, Gatacre Road, at 1.05; and, as Patron of Relate, will visit the Relate Inswich and Suffolk Mar-riage Guidance at 19 Power

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Tanja Pesko and Laura Casey. Mr Peter Cowan was best man. The reception was held at

Brocklesby Park and the honey-moon will be spent abroad.

and Miss F. Gascoyne
The marriage took place on
Saturday, January 27, in Ludlow, of Christopher Sorenson factory and offices of the London Association for the Blind at 14-16 Verney Road,

Anniversaries

Street at 1.40.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit the Design in Knitwear

Show at the Connaught Rooms at 12.00; and, as President of the National Agriculture Centre Ru-ral Trust, will attend a meeting

at 35 Belgrave Square at 2.00.

Princess Alexandra will visit the

BIRTHS: Sir Edward Coke, jurist and politician, Mileham, Norfolk, 1552; John Kemble, actor-manager, Prescot, Lan-cashire, 1757; Emile Littre, lexicographer, Paris, 1801; Hugo von Hofmannsthal, poet and dramatist, Vienna, 1874; Danie Clara Butt, contralto. Southwick, Sussex, 1872; Louis

Dinners

Fraiterers' Company Alderman Sir David Rowe-Ham, Lord Mayor locum tenam, Lord Mayor tocum tenems, was a speaker at the
annual livery dinner of the
Fruiterers' Company held last
night at Plaisterers' Hall. Sir
Edward du Cann, Mastel, Sir
Edward du Cann, Mastel, presided, assisted by Mr David
Hohnen, Upper Warden, Mr
Alen Todd Beater Worden and Alan Todd, Renter Warden, and the Court of Assistants, Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, Mr Michael Barton and Com-mander Michael Styles, clerk, also spoke. Among those



To Sir Stanley Matthews Sir Stanley Matthews was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Royal Lancaste Hotel to mark his seventy-fifth birthday. Mr Gyles Brandreth, Chairman of the National Playing Fields Association, and Lieutenant-Colonel R.G. Satterthwaite. Vice-President of the British Sports Trust, were the

Sir Walter Winterbottom, Mr Lawrie McMenemy, Mr Cliff Morgan and Mr Bob Bevan also spoke, Among others present

and Felicity Gascoyne Saint Laurent, prime minister of Canada 1948-57, Compton, Quebec, 1882; John Ford, film

DEATHS: René Descartes philosopher, Stockholm, 1650; Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, novelist, London, 1851.

director, Cape Elizabeth, Maine,

1895; Clark Gable, Cadiz, Ohio, 1901; S J Perelman, humorous

writer, New York, 1904

Mr Denis Howell. MP, Lady Mat-thews. Mrs Gyles Brandrein, Mrs R G Satterthwaite. Mrs Lawrie McMenemy. Mr Danny Elanchilower, Mr and Mrs Bobby Moore, Mr Bobby Robson, Mr Billy Wright, Mr Peter Allis, Mr Charlie Chester, Mr Hans Jakob, Mr Raich Carter, Mr Alfredo Di Stefano, Mr Tet Orake, Mr Alfredo Di Stefano, Mr Tet Orake, Mr Tom Finney, Mr Bill Fox, Mr Neil Franklin, Mr Harry Haddock, Miss Raie Hoey, MP, Mr Ray Kennsdy, Mr Millian Milianic, Mr P Kenyon, Mr P Lawson, Mr J Middlemas and Mr M Reynolds.

The Savile Club The Savile Club held a dinner at 69 Brook Street, on Wednesday night to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr Edgar Duchin. Seventy Savilians attended and Mr Philip Darwin was in the chair.

Chair.

Cardiff Business Club
The Lord Lieutenant for South
Glamorgan, Mrs Susan E. Williams; The High Sheriff of South
Glamorgan, Mr C.L. Pollard;
The Lord Mayor of Cardiff,
Councillor Mrs Beti Jones; Vice
Chairman of South Glamorgan
County Council County Coun-County Council, County Councillor D. Francis and the President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Cennydd Traherne, were present at a dinner held by the club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest Speaker was Mr Gavin Laird, General Secretary, Amalgamated Engineering Union. Mr Michael E. Knight, Agent, Bank of England, Bristol, presided.

Forum UK Mrs Jean Denton, Chairman of Forum UK presided at a dinner held last night at the Ritz. The guest speaker was Sir John Fairclough, Chief Scientific Ad-viser at the Cabinet Office.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M.C. Bentley and Miss L.A. Chinery

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Michael Charles eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bentley, of London, and Lori Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Chinery, of Parkview, Johannesberg.

Mr N. Boote

and Miss J. Steiner
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Colonel Michael Boote and the late Mrs Elizabeth Boote, of Tomatia, Invernesshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Konrad Steiner, of London, W8.

Dr A.M. Brown and Miss A.J. Powell The forthcoming marriage is announced between Tony, son of Mr and Mrs F.W. Brown, of

Etham, London, and Alison, daughter of Dr and Mrs F.J. Powell, of Compton Chamberlayne, Salisbury. Mr S.C. Lewinton

and Miss F.J. Court The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr Christopher Lewinton, of London, SW1, and Mrs Jennifer Lewinton, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, and Fiona, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Gordon Court, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr G.A.R. Masters and Miss J. Goodall The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs C.P. Masters, of Watford, and Jan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.A. Goodall, of Mr F. Megedichian and Miss N. Kurland

and Miss N. Kurland
The engagement is announced
between Fredrick, son of Mr and
Mrs H. Megedichian, of Ealing,
London, and Nicola, daughter
of Mr Philip Kurland, of Holland Park, London, and Mrs
Joyce Kurland, of Hornsey,
London.

Mr B.H.C. Morris and Miss N.F. Stevens

and Miss N.F. Stevens
The engagement is announced
between Huw, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Trevor
Morris, of Donhead St Mary,
Dorset, and Nathalie, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian
Stevens, of Park Place, Hong
Kong Kong.

Mr W.G.C. Raynor and Miss E.S. Miller The engagement is announced between William, son of the late Colonel and Mrs C.A. Raynor, of Fingringhoe, Essex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Miller, of Nottingham. Mr R.N. Tetley and Miss S.M. Pinney

The engagement is announced between Robin Niel, elder son of Lieutenant Commander J.D. Terley RN (retd) and Mrs Tetley, of Truro, Cornwall, and Sarah Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Pinney, of Lumsden, Southland, New

Mr D. Theron and Miss J.B. Robins The engagement is announced between Danie, youngest son of the late Mr D. Theroa and of Mrs R. Theron, of Mutare, Zimbabwe, and Joanna, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs M.F. Robins,

ALLEN BARKE

From £2-a-week timekeeper to the top at Ford

Allen Barke, the £2-a-week timekeeper who rose to become Managing Director and Chief Executive of Ford of Britain from 1962 to 1965, died on January 29, aged 86. Allen Barke was probably the last head of a major car maker who started out by walking the long mile to the factory gates and asking for any job available.

Later in life when he described his start Barke said: "It wasn't the job I wanted but it was work and I only had a couple of pounds left."

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 31; The Duke and
Duchess of Kent were represented by Colonel Patrick
Robinson at the Memorial Service for Sir Charles SmithRyland which was held at
Coventry Cathedral today. His career at Ford was tragically cut short. A giant of a man - well over 6 feet tall and heavily built - he was struck down by a massive attack of hepatitis which reduced him to a shadow of his former self. After a long spell in hospital he returned to Miss Eileen Northway upon relinquishing the appointment as Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Miss Jane Titley work but was clearly not the man he had been.

In July, 1965, he resigned as Managing Director and Chief Executive but continued as a Director. Even this proved too much and a month later he relinquished all executive daties.

In September 1966 he was appointed non-executive Vice-Chairman, a post he held until he retired in April, 1968, aged 65.

James Allen Barke was born on April 16, 1903. He joined Briggs Motor Bodies - the supplier of most of Ford's car bodies - in 1932 when the now huge Dagenham complex was still being developed. He soon switched from timekeeping to the purchasing depart-ment and in 1947 became Briggs's Chief Buyer.

the Manager in charge of attention of the then Chair-Briggs's subsidiary Learning-man of Ford of Britain, Sir ton Foundry.

follow BMC's acquisition of tor of Ford's Product Division



OBITUARIES

Director and General Manager of Briggs, a post he held for the next six years, Barke was given the task of amalgamating the two companies. He said later. "It was a really tough assignment. They were almost as big a company as

In 1959 he made the move From 1948 to 1953 he was that was to bring him to the Patrick Hennessy, by taking In 1953 Ford decided to an even tougher job as Direc-

being increasingly affected by unofficial strikes.

appointed Assistant Managing Director and it became obvious that he was, in fact, being groomed by Sir Patrick masters in the motor industry at the time — as his successor. The following April he was promoted Managing Director and a year later indeed succeeded Sir Patrick as Chief Executive.

He retained his native Fisher and Ludlow's body and becoming the man Mancunian accent; this and and a plant in Birmingham by tak-responsible for obtaining the the calm outlook he projected, second.

pipe - he had a large collection on his desk - enabled him to converse easily with In September, 1961, he was even the most difficult union

A climber and walker, he was also a keen and capable - one of the hardest task golfer. This is acknowledged annually at Ford when all 13 of its British plants send teams of four to compete for the Allen Barke Shield.

He was twice married; both his wives predeceased him. He is survived by two sons and a daughter of his first marriage and a step-daughter of the

A dogged amateur challenge to the motor racing stars

BOB GERARD

Bob Gerard, who died on January 28 at the age of 76, was considered Britain's foremost driver when motor racing began again in 1946 after the war, although many of his exploits were achieved with machinery which his continental rivals scomed.

Gerard was a triple winner of the British Empire Trophy in the Isle of Man. He twice won the Jersey international road race and also won the tough Ulster Trophy over the the Belfast.

An interesting bridge duel held over three days was organized by Irving Rose and sponsored by Demetri March-

essini at the Meridian Hotel,

London to try to determine

the respective merits of "Naturals" v "Scientists" bid-

Eight world class players

from five countries took part but inevitably no fair compar-

ison could be obtained from

scratch partnerships. The con-

test was played over 128 boards with each player play-

ing with each of his three team

mates. The "Scientists" won

the first match 141-108 imps.

The "Naturals" won the second match 187-68. In the third

and final match held yesterday the "Scientists" had an

overwhelming victory by 111-39 but the "Naturals" re-

mained the overall winners by

Tenras: "Naturals": A R Forrester England). G Chagas (Brazil). Z Mahmoud (Pakistan), B Woolf (LSA); "Scientists": B Garrazzo (Isthy). W Exembers, P Saloway. R Goldman (all USA).

The English-

Speaking Union

The 36th George Washington Ball takes place at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, on Wednes

day, February 28, 1990. Tickets to include Dinner and Ball. dancing to the Bootleg Beatles and the Dark Blues, £60 and £40 each from the ESU Promotions

Dept, Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, London, W1X 8AB. Tel: 01-493 3328.

The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) is pleased to announce that the following

announce that the following have been admitted to the class of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIEE:

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ding methods.

joined the family motor business at Leicester where he first became interested in motor sport and always enjoyed support from his father. He made his racing debut in 1933 at Donington, driving a Riley, and was a well-known figure at Brooklands. But he always yearned for more powerful machinery.

His opportunity came in

was born on January 19, 1914. updated in 1937. From 1946 On leaving school Gerard to 1951 the Bob Gerard racing team of ERAs and Rileys, although strictly amateur, played havoc with the opposition, and the familiar pale green cars did much to reawaken British hopes and ambitions.

Any racing driver who finished second in the 1949 Silverstone in his outdated pre-war ERA and was then ומוגופ בספט 1930 (English Racing Automobiles) Fangio and Ascari - plus nearly 60 years. Frederick Robert Gerard, which were first produced in setting fastest lap - is entitled He is survived by his wife.

history.

He suffered a stroke in 1970, but still maintained his

"Bob" as he was always called, 1934 in 1.5 litre form and to his niche in motor racing

Gerard switched to Cooper-Bristol in the latter part of his career and finished 11th in the 1953 French Grand Prix and 10th in the 1954 British Grand Prix. Whatever he drove, many factory teams in the immediate post-war period had cause to fear the persistence of the dogged and be-British Grand Prix at spectacled Leicestershire man.

SIR PAUL DAVIE

Legislation against smog in the City of London

Sir Paul Christopher Davie, a public duty and, consistent former Assistant Legal Advi- with this, in 1936 he joined the former Assistant Legal Advisor to the Home Office and Remembrancer of the City of Home Office. London, died on January 25 at the age of 88.

It was as City Remem-brancer from the mid 1950s a post serving as the channel of communication with government ministers for both the Lord Mayor and the City Corporation, and reflecting the city's interests in Parliamentary legislation — that Davie was closely concerned with the local Act promoted to deal with the prevention of smog and atmospheric pollution in the City.

This Act stirred the government of the day into taking action nationally and afforded the precedent on which the Clean Air Act of 1956 was largely modelled.

He served as Chairman of the National Deaf Children's Society from 1970 to 1974 and was its Vice President until his

Paul Christopher Davie was born on September 30, 1901, and educated at Winchester and at New College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1925 and entered Chambers specializing in local government law.

became Assistant Legal Advi-sor in 1947, but in 1953 resigned to become City Remembrancer. Davie was a hereditary freeman of Barnstable and came

Legal Advisors' Branch at the

He will be particularly

remembered for his work in

connection with the reorganization of the police, fire and civil defence services

during and immediately after

the Second World War. He

of a family which had its roots in Devon and had contributed much to the county, of which his grandfather had been High

Though his adult life was spent in London and the south east of England, Davie always remained a West Countryman at beart.

He was a knowledgeable man on a most wide-ranging and unconnected collection of subjects which had, at one time or another, attracted his interest. He was a dilettante in the best sense of that word.

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In 1967 he was knighted for his public services and retired from the office of City Remembrancer the same year. He leaves his widow, Betty, Davie had a strong sense of a son and a daughter.

ARNAUD d'USSEAU

Screenwriter victim of McCarthy era Arnaud d'Usseau, the play-wright and screenwriter whose political convictions forced

him out of America during the un-American Activities Com-McCarthy inquisition in mittee, investigators probing Hollywood during the 1950s, alleged communist infiltration has died in New York City at of the film industry. Then in the age of 73. He had recently undergone surgery for stomach cancer.

D'Usseau was born to a theatrical family in Los An-geles on April 18, 1916. For the past several years he had lived in New York, where he taught writing at New York University and at the School of Visual Art. His father was a movie producer and scenarist, his mother an actress.

Their son began writing professionally in the 1930s and his RKO films included One Crowded Night, Repent at Leisure, and The Man who wouldn't Die.

After the war, during which D'Usseau served with the US Army Signal Corps, he wrote a number of successful Broadway plays with James Gow. The last play he wrote One of the most famous was before his death is under Deep are the Roots (1945), consideration for Broadway which confained a then scan Dundrod circuit outside introduction of the new ERA Monaco Grand Prix behind which he gave so much over dalous miscegenation scene in the course of its overall plea

In 1952, D'Usseau's name was connected with subpoenas being issued by the House of 1953 he was brought before the Senate investigation subcommittee headed by Senator Joseph McCarthy.

The exchanges which cap-tured worldwide attention between d'Usseau and McCarthy grew so fiery that the Wisconsin Republican threatened to have d'Usseau forcibly removed from the Washington hearing chamber. The playwright had refused to answer any of McCarthy's

gladly debate communism and capitalism on neutral ground "but not where you have everything stacked.' After his blacklisting,

questions, saying he would

d'Usseau wrote for the cinema under various synonyms.

His survivors include his wife Marie, his son, a daughter and three brothers.

Memorial services

Tollemache, the Hon Mrs Lakin, Major and Mrs J Sutton, the Hon Hugh and Mrs J Sutton, the Hon Hugh and Mrs Tollemache, Major and Mrs R C Alkenhead, Mrs J Jouptin, the Hon M Tollemache, Viscount Cowdray, Mr and the Hon Mrs W F E Forbes, Mr and the Hon Mrs W F E Forbes, Mr and the Hon Mrs W F E Forbes, Mr and the Hon Mrs W F E Forbes, Mr and the Hon Mrs C Fraser, Mr M Filmt. Viscount Blakenham.

The Lords Lieutenant of Bedforder, Street Mrs. Derbyshire, Cheshire, Cumbrie, Derbyshire, Street Mrs. Derbyshire, Hongolie, Horton and Worcesler, Norfolk, Northamston, Shropshire and Wilkshire; the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Stanfordshire. Mrs. Barroyshire and Wilkshire; the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Stanfordshire.

The Duke and Duchess of Mariboroush, the Duke and Duchess of Weilington. The Marchioness of Weilington, the Marchioness of Weilington, the Marchioness of Northampion, the Marquest of Blandford, the Countees of Alpite, the Earl of Selborne, Earl and Countees of Blandford, the Countees of Denbigh. Betty Countees Balturst, Viscountees Jellicoe, the Earl of Normanion. Countees Balturst, Viscountees Devenity, Viscountees Balturst, Viscountees Devenity, Viscountees Balturst, Viscountees Devenity, Viscountees Balturst, Viscountees Devenity, Visc Sir Charles Smith-Ryland
The Queen was represented by
Viscount Boyne and the Duke of
Edinburgh by Colonel Gerard
Leigh at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Charles
Smith-Ryland, Lord Lieutenant
of Warwickshire, held yesterday
in Coventry Cathedral. The of Warwickshire, new yesuruay in Coventry Cathedral. The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Lord Staf-ford and the Duchess of York

The Princess Royal was repre-sented by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke. Princess Margaret by Lady Glenconner. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Major Nicholas Barne, the Duke and Duchess of Barne, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Colonel Patrick Robin-son and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, The Provost of Coventry officiated, assisted by Canon Michael Sadgrove, Canon G. Hughes and Canon Paul

Oestreicher. The Bishop of War-wick, Canon Peter Berry, Canon S. Sneath, Canon J. Eardley, Canon J. Foden, Canon T. Mander and the Rev Michael Griffiths were robed and in the sanctuary. Mr Robin Smith-Ryland and Viscount Daventry read the lessons. The Bishop of Coventry preached the sermon. The Earl of Airlie gave an address. Mrs L.E.T. Hue Williams and Miss Petra Smith-Ryland, daughters, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Holland.

Holland.

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr R.V. Grobler. Deputy Secretary of Commissions. The Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff of the West Midlands, the High Sheriff of Warwickshire and Mrs Rutherford, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Coventry and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham attended. Others present included:

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The Hon Lady Smith-Ryland (widow),
Mr David Smith-Ryland (som), Mrs
Joanna Smith-Ryland (daughter), Mrs
Joanna Smith-Ryland (daughter), Mrs
L E T Hus Williams (son in-law), Lord
and store Crumworth Grother in-law
Gurdon, the Marcuesa and Marcintonesa of Hunilly, Mr C Calmirus,
Mr and the Hozz Mrs T Sergion.
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Mrs. Comments, Mrs. Grother Mrs. C
Siopiord Sackville, Lord and Lady

Ruth Alice Hannah Mary, Countess of Halifax, of Low House, Kirby Underdale, North Humberside, late racehorse owner and breeder, and widow of the 2nd Earl Halifax, left estate valued at £3,146,718 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives. Sir Peter Markham Scott, CH. of Slimbridge, Gioucestershire, artist and naturalist, left estate

valued at £539,882 net. He left

Latest wills

Royal Agricultural Society of Englandi and Mrs Leigh-Pemberton. Ine Ham Sir Adam Buller. MP. and Lady Butler. Rosemary Muir. Lady Caroline Cognys. Lady Moursen Fellower. Ledy Lawa Pasmer, the Hon Lady Ge Zuluela, the Hon Jessica Dichinson, the Hon Mrs Wallace, the Hon Mrs de Bunsen, the Hon Mrs Wallace. The Hon Mrs de Bunsen, the Hon Mrs R Stanley, the Hon Mrs Macwell, the Hon Lady Hashings of the Hon Mrs Macwell, the Hon Lady Wardings of the Hon Mrs Ward. The Hon Mrs Ward. Lawron-Johnston. The Hon Jand Mrs Morrison. The Hon P and Mrs Ward. The Hon Mrs Morrison. The Hon Lady Worstey, the Hon F. J. Fahrar, the Hon Charlet and Mrs Gell, the Hon Lady Worstey. The Hon P Conference of the Hon P Conference of the Hon Mrs Morrison. The Hon Lady Worstey. The Lawron-Johnston. The Hon Mrs Cell, the Hon R T Fisher (Balton Grange School). Lady Rowley Gestewnithe the Lord Letwenant or Rupert and Lady Shighburgh Sir Theodore and the Hon Lady Brinckman. Sir Austread and Lady Walson. Anne Lady Jaffray. Malor Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Founder Sir William and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Younger (Coldstream Guards). Sir Richard and Lady Hamilton. Major General Sir John Youn

to the Royal Geographical Mr Graham Henry Bartlett, of Northaw, Hertfordshire, left es-tate valued at £3,717,763 net.

Luncheons Royal Navy Club of 1765 and

Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt. Chairman, presided at a lun-cheon yesterday at the Charterhouse given by the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 in his travel diaries and notebooks honour of Captain Peter ners' Hall. Mr Matthew Barrett

and Lady Liggins. Sir Francis and Lady Penherson, Baron Vaes, Mayor Hugo and Lady Carotine Watershoes. Mr and Be Hon Mrs. R. Palmer, Mr and the Hon Mrs. R. Palmer, Mr and the Hon Mrs. E. M. Price. Mr and the Hon Mrs. E. M. Price. Mr and the Hon Mrs. C. B. Holman, Mr and the Hon Mrs. A White, Mr and the Hon Mrs. A Warwickishire County County and Mrs. Birch, the Chief Executive of Warwickishire County County County and Mayorras of Warwickishire County. The Mayor and Mayorras of Warwickishire the Mayor and Mayorras of Warwickishire the Mayor and Mayorras of Warwickishire the Chairmen of North and South Warwickishire Health Authorities; the Chairmen of North and South Warwickishire Health Authorities; the Chairmen of North and South Warwickishire Health Authorities; the Chairmen of North and Mrs. South Warwickishire Mr and Mrs. S. Z de Ferranti. Mr and Mrs. C Hou Williams, Mrs. J. Beckwith-Smillo. Mrs. and Mrs. S. Z de Ferranti. Mr and Mrs. C Hou Williams, Mrs. J. Hue Williams, Mrs. K. Smith-Bincham. Mr and Mrs. C Hou Williams, Mrs. J. Hue Williams, Mrs. K. Smith-Bincham. Mr and Mrs. C North Smith Mrs. A Warwickishire Mrs. Colonel M. D. Hall (representing COC Western District). Major J. S. Knieth (representing the Colonel, Tre. Colonel M. D. Hall (representing COC Western District). Major J. S. Knieth (representing the Colonel, Tre. Governs Own Mussari). Mr. R. G. Western District, Major J. S. Knieth (representing COC Western District). Major J. S. Knieth (representing COC Western Distr

Mr George Adamson A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr George Adamson was held yesterday at St James's, Precadilly, The Rev Donald Reeves officiated, Mr Bill Travers read from Bwana Game by George Adamson and a poem by Francis Nnaggenda quoted in My Pride and Joy, Dr Keith Eltringham, a Trustee of the Elsa Wild Animal Appeal and Chairman of the George Adamson Wildlife Preservation Trust, read the lesson. In her address Miss Virginia McKenna said: "We will all

have different and personal memories – but let us remem-ber George's hope for the future. A hope which inspired so many of us and that so many of us share with him. "That we humans will cease

Fanshawe CBE DSC, Royal Navy, on his retirement as Secretary, and of Mrs Fanshawe. The guests included:

Canada-UK Chamber of

Mr Michael Lowe, President of the Canada-UK Chamber of

Commerce, presided at a lun-cheon held yesterday at Skin-

passion for all animals, grea and small, before it is too late. "If we do. I think the spirit of George — that wonderful, free, wild, generous and loving spirit will live amongst us, always.".
 The High Commissioner of Kenya was represented by Mr M. Ordengo. Among others present were:

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domination of other creatures and find in ourselves a com-

Viscountess Davidson

A service of dedication of a memorial to Viscountess Davidson (Baroness Northchurch) was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street, The Rev Colin Fox, grandson, officiated. Miss Julie Sandground, Chairman of The Adwomen, read the lesson Miss. Adwomen, read the lesson. Miss Denise Silvester-Carr. vice-president. Lord Rayleigh, grandson, and Baroness Young paid

was the guest of honour and principal speaker. The Ca-nadian High Commissioner and Mr John Brown, British Consul-General, Toronto, were among those present. Cariton Club Political

Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Political Committee of the Carlton Club yesterday at the club. Mr Tony Baldry, MP. deputy chairman, presided and Mr Joseph Egerton also spoke. Lecture Conference for Independent Further Education

The first in a series of lectures, "English Literature on... its head", was presented by CIFE in the Huxley Theatre, Imperial College. University of London, yesterday afternoon. The lectur-ers were: Dr Martyn Crucefix (Fine Arts College); Mrs Janetta Taylor (Padworth College); Mrs Felicity McAvoy (Connaught College). Mr Richard Smart, Principal, Milestone Tutorial College, was in the Chair. Students from CIFE colleges and invited schools attended.

Reception

University College London
Dr D.H. Roberts, the Provost
and Mrs Roberts, were hosts at a reception held yesterday to mark the opening of the Arnold Mishcon Reading Room at University College London. University College London.

Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Mishon. Professor
and Mrs C. Abramcky. Dr. Manfred
Aliman. Mr Ellis Birk, Mr. and Mrs
Sidney Corob. His Honour Judge
Brael Finesien. Dr. Dr. F. Kessler. Sir James Lighthui, Mrs Colette Littman.
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M.J. Geller, Professor J. Fooliege, Dr.
M.J. Geller, Professor J. Fooliege.
College.

McLellan Galleries

McLellan Galleries, 270 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow: A seminar on freedom with Neal Ascherson, Willie Doherty and Caroline Wilkinson, 7,30 -9,30pm.

Birthdays today Mrs Jennifer Adams, superintendent, Central Royal Parks, 42: Sir Kenneth Bond, vicechairman, GEC. 70; Major H. Stanley Cayzer, 80; Sir Peter Crill, Bailiff of Jersey, 65: Vice-Admiral Sir Norman Dalton, 86; Mrs Josceline Dimbleby, cookery writer, 47; Professor Sir Sam Edwards, physiciet 52: the cookery writer, 47; Professor Sir Sam Edwards, physicist, 62; the Very Rev Enc Evans, Dean of St Paul's, 62; Mr E. Evans, rugby player, 65; Mr Robert Gittings, poet, biographer and playwright, 79; Sir Douglas Hall, former governor, Somalitland Protectorate, 81; Sir Gordon Hobday, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, 74; Professor Douglas Johnson, historian, 65; Sir Maurice Laing, president, John Laing, 72; Mrs Virginia Leng, three-day eventer, 35; Sir Jack Lyons, company chairman. Jack Lyons, company chairman, 74: Sir Stanley Matthews, foot-baller, 75: Miss Gwenda Morgan, wood engraver, 82: Lord Mountevans, 47; Sir John Nott, former MP, 58: Professor Sir Mark Richmond, vice-chan-cellor, Manchester University. 59: Mr Peter Sallis, actor, 69; Mrs Munel Spark, writer, 72; Sir Peter Tapsell, MP, 60; Miss

Renata Tebaldi, soprano, 68.

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Gaoffrey. a son (loseph
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RESCOX - On Japuary 27th, a
daughter. Charlotte Emily, io
Suzie (née Hanwell) and
Charles. 2f Farnborough.

RELICK - On Japuary 29th
1990, at Maldatone Hospital.
In Januer (née Cole) and
Stephen. daughter
(Charlotte Emina).

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LEFENDE - On January 29th 1990, to Sosan (née Lund) and Paul. a son, David Arthur. Arther.

PARSER - On January 13th
1990, to Anthea (née Brown)
and Ban, a daughter, Amy
Chartotte, a sister for Holly. PRICE - On January 22nd, to Gillian (née Worrall) and Christopher, a daughter, Jenica Mary Margaret. BNGROW - On January 28th. 11. The West London Hospital, to Alison and Rod. 12. Son. James Alexander.

106K - On January 30th, to Vivien (nite Lind) and Stephen, a daughter, Joanna Linda, A sister for David and Georgiona.

SACHS - On January 28th
1990, at King's College
Hospital. to Yvonne (nee
Bocqualion) and Rod. a son.
Past Michael. a brother for

STORER - On January 29th. at Barnsley General Hospital, to: Victoria (née Earle) and Peter, a son. Christopher James Basil. James Basil.
WATHEM - On January 26th.
In New York, to Julia and
Sizzog, 2 boy - Francis.
WMTERTOM - On January
28th, at St George's. Tooting,
to Robert and Jo. a son,
Alexander James, a brother
for Nicholas Edward. YOUNG - On January 28th, at home, Barrow-Upon-Soar, to Cacitia (Cee) and Alan, a daughter, Laura Helen, a sister for Michael.

> GOLDEN **ANNIVERSARIES**

RADCLIFFE:CURENTN - On February 1st 1940. at Ali Sodis Calbedral. Cairo. conducted by Archdeacon Frank Johnston. Douglas to Eline, now living at Dover.

- DEATHS

pencerally at home, specials, Heleo Mary, dearly loved wife-of George and mother of Bridget, Funeral Service 4 pts Friday February 2nd at Alichungh Parish Church, followed by private cremation. No flowers blease. Donations to

STREELOW - On January 28th 1990, suddenly, of Coton, Wirral, in his 75th year. Frank Sanderson Brimelow, beloved and proud and orspect name: we prefer and John and grandfather of Hope. Founding Director of Operations. Mersepside Passenger Transport Executive, formerly General

Stockport and S.H.M.D.
Public Transport
Authorities. "The day thou gavest Lord is ended".
Funeral Service at St
Saviour's Church. Oxfor.
Monday February 5th at 1.15 monday requesty sm at 1.15 pm. followed by private cremation. Family flowers, donations if desired to Chest. Heart and Stroke Foundation, c/o Charles Stephens Funeral Directors. 215 Bebington Road. Rock Ferry. L42 4QA (051-645 4396).

BILLMAN - On January 30th. at home in Carnoles, Roquebrune Cap Martin, France, William Ellerington, aged 85, much loved husband of Vera and father

of Richard, Mary and the late-Charles, Service at St John's Menton, on February 3rd at 10.30, Family flowers only.

EUTEMENT - On January 25th, Dr. William Alan Stewart, aged 85, of 5A Bar-ry Street. Kew. Melbourne. Australia, beloved husband of Ursula and much loved father of Ann Butement and Jane Ashcroft and grandfa-ther of Dandelle and Mark.

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GARPEFIL On January
30th, peacefully in hospital.
Betty, much loved wife of
Kenneth and mother of
Alson. Frances. Claire.
Hilbary and Ian. Funeral
Service at St. Mary alFinchley, Hendon Lane.
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Finchley N3, at 2.45 pm on
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preferred to T.E.A.R. Fund.
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Teddington. Middlesex
TW11 8QE.

CAYZER - On January 30th 1990. Berenice Amice, aged 83, at Portscatho. Comwall. Fourth and youngest daughter of Sir Charles Cayzer, 2nd Baronel.

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Differed Don January 30th 1990. Very suddenty. Throthy Charles, aged 30. Adored husband of Jane (nee Crocker). Son of Tony stepson of Julia and brother of Caroline. Alistair and isabet Duffield. Sally Cocks and Jennifer Pouchard. Very much loved. Thankspiving Service at Buxton Church (Norriolk) at 12 mid-day on Saturday February 3rd 1990. Followed by private burial at Lamas (Norriolk). Family flowers only. Donations. If desired. To Buston Church P.C.C.

FAITHFULL. On January

FATHFUL. - On January 30th. Betty (née Humphery) aged 85. Service at Mortiake Crematorium on Friday February 2nd at 4.30 pm. GREFEN - On January 29th.
Jonathan, poet 1906-1990.
Requiem St Mary the Virgin.
Bourne Street. SW1.
February 7th at 6.30 pm. No
flowers. donations to World
Wildlife Fund.

Wighle? 1 - On January 30th 1990, peacefully, Elizabeth, widow of Hugo. Funeral Service at Tarrant Keynston. Dorset, on Monday February 6th at 11.30 am. oth at 11.30 are.

HABELTON OF DALZELL - On January 31st 1990. John d'Henin Hamilton, 3rd Baron Hamilton of Dalzel GCVO.

MC. beloved tusband of Rosemary. Private cremation. No Memorial Service. Please, no letters at his own request.

his own request.

HARDY - On January 30th.
peacefully at home at
Willington, Chesthire, John
Brown O.B.E., aged 61
years, beloved husband of
Jill, father of Janet, Susan,
David, Michael and Charles
and grandfather of Patricia,
Edward, William, Kathryn
and Flona, Funeral Service
to take place at Delamere
Parish Church on Tuesday
February 6th at 11 am,
followed by interment at
Delamere. Family flowers
only please, but donations if
desired to St Luke's Hospice,
Chesthire. Enquiries to
George Lightfool, Witton
Mews, Northwich, Chesthire,
tel: (0606) 42011.

HERBERT - On January 29th,

HERBERT - On January 29th. EXPREENT - On January 29th, Eizabeth Fiorence, peacefully at Ashural Park Nursing Home, aged 95. Much loved mother of Nancy, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at the Kent & Sussex Crematorium, Tumbridge Wells, at 2.30 pm on Friday Wells, at 2.30 pm on Friday February 9th. Donations to Action for Dysphask Adulls, Canterbury House, Royal Street London-SE1.

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MILLYER - On January 31st
1990, peacefully in hospital
after a short lilpess. in her
95th year, Margaret (nee
Seitny), widow of Stanley
Gordon Hillyer O.B.E.
Betoved mother,
grandmother and greatgrandmother. Cremation
private. Family flowers only,
but donations if desired to
The Bible Society, Thanksgiving Service in the Spring.

HOLE - On January 30th.

giving service in the spring.

[BOLE - On Jamuary 30th.
peacefully in hospital after a
painful ilineas bravely borne.
Shelia Mary, dearly lovedwife of Jimmy, mother of
Bruce and sister of Margot
Wellington. Funeral. at
Caversham Crematorium.
Wednesday February 7th at
1.30 pm. Family flowers
only, donations if desired to
Cancer Reseach.

Cancer Research.

KMEEBONE - On January

30th 1990, Peler Jack
Georges, spec 66, peacefully
at home after a long tilness
fought with great courage.

Much loved husband of
Francoise Jollant-Kneebone,
father of Anna. Jonathan.

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former husband of Cate.

LETESTER - On January 51st

former husband of Cale.

LEBSTER - On January 31st
1990. In his 89th year.
Hisroid' Vivian. Beloved
husband of Olga. deeply
mourned by Leonie and
Victor. grandchildren
Jonathan. Alexis. Sherry.
Mark and great grunddaughter Michal. Funeral 2.30 pm
Thursday February 1st at
Streatham Jewish Cenclery
at Rowan Road. SW16.

LITTLEIGHN - On January

at Rowan Road. SW16.

LITTLEJOHD - On January
29th, peacefully at home
after a brave fight, Cathryn
Ann (née O'Brien), loved
wife of Mark and mother of
James, Funeral Service at 1
pm on Tuesday February 6th
at Chelsea Old Church, 4 Old
Church Sireet, Chelsea,
Donations if desired to
Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham,
Common Northside, London
SW4.

LLOYD - On January 29th, at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Dorothy Mary. aged 77. Creatly loved by Ted, Andrew and Anna and by her many close friends.

Funeral Service on Tuesday
February 6th in St James
Church, Shere at 1 pm.

Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation. c/o Pinnus Funeral Services. Mary Road, Guildford, tel: (0483) 67394,

MARRIOTT - On January 28th. suddenly at home at Seaford. Sussex. Lt. Col. L.W.W. (8til) Marriott Essex Regiment retired (Pompadours), to join his beloved Monica, much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather Correlation at

father, grandfather and great grandfather. Cremation at Downs. Eventuary 14th at 3 pm. Flowers, bouguets please to Wagstaff, 227 South Coast Road. Peacehaven, subsequently donated flowers to Alf Saints Hospital. Eastbourne.

MARSH - On January 30th. Describitly in her sleep at

MARSM - On January 30th, peacefully in her sleep at home in Hampstead, Elia Marsh, aged 96. Wife of the late Renold Marsh. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium 10 saturday February 3rd.

MATHER - On January 27th 1990. Guy Aubrey, son of Dr. and Mrs J.S. Malher and brother to James and kate of Edghaston, Birmingham. So deeply loved and always so brave. Service at Ombersley Church on Thursday February 8th at 11 am. Memorial Service in Trinity College Chapel. Cambridge on Saturday March 10th. Engulines to A.B. Taylor funeral Services Ltd.. 49 Wolverhampion Road South, Birmingham, B32 2AY, tel: 021-420 3666.

McMURRAY - On January

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McMURRAY - On January 28th. Brian, Priest, beloved son of Harold and Betty. R.P. Requiem Mass at Borden Parish Church on Tuesday February 6th at 12.50 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Father Brian Memorial Fund, c/o R. High & Sons Ltd... 1 Bayford Road. Situngbourne. Kenl. tel: (0795) 472958.

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MOORMAN - On January 30th
1990. 81 Ashley House.
Cirencesier, Glos. Theodora
Mary Moorman M.B.E. aged
82 years. an artist and
weaver formerly of
Painswick. Cremation
private. A Service of
Thanksgiving will be held at
11.30 am on Wednesday
February 7th at St Mary's
Church, Painswick. Family
flowers only by request. but
donations may be made to
Help the Aged. c/o Burdock
de Son Funeral Directors.
New Street, Painswick. Clos.
WARREN - On January 28th.
peacefully in Chalfonis and
Gerrards Cross Hospital.
Gwendolen, beloved wife of
the late John Frederick

Gwendolen, beloved wife of the late John Frederick Warren and dear sister of Madge and Lesile Cooner of Gerrards Cross. Funeral Service on Tuesday February 6th at 81 James' Church, Futmer at 2.15 pm. followed by committed at Chilterns Crematorium. Amersham at 3 pm. Family

Amersham at 3 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the N.S.P.C.C., 67 Saffron Hill. London ECIN 8785.
WEDDERSIJEN-OCT.VY - On January 31st 1990. In Reading, Myra Usoy) Carolyn Henriella. late of Bosham Hoe, Sussex, wife of the late Donald Stephen Wedderburn-Octyv. Funeral

Hoe, Sussex, wife of the late Donald Stephen Wedderburn-Ogilvy. Funeral Service at Bosham Church on Tuesday February 6th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations to R.N.L. to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road. Reading. RGI 4DL. WITHERS - On January 28th 1990, after a short iffness in Coventry. Edward Raymond. 1994 79 years, of Culverstone. Boxey Tracey. The Funeral Service will take place at Bovey Tracey Methodist. Church on Tuesday February 6th at 3 pm. followed by interment in Boxey Tracey. Cometery. Flowers may be sent to Combes & Sons, 73 Fore Street. Boxey Tracey. Bovey Tracey. Enquiries: (0626)

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SPARKE-DAYIES - Friends wishing to attend the Funerai Service for Edward (Bob) Sparke-Dayies are invited to meet at St Saviour's Parish Church. Jersey. On Friday February 2nd at 2.30 pm. followed by private cremation. Cut flowers if desired may be sent to Pitcher & Le Quesne Funerai Directors. 59 Kensington Place, St Heiler, Jersey. Directors, 59 Kensing Place, St Heller, Jersey.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

APPLEBY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Major General David Appleby CB MC TD will be held at the Church of Si Sepulchre without Newgale. Holborn Viadurt. on Thursday March 18 at 5 nm. Sepulchre without Newgale. Holborn Viaduct. on Thursday March 1st at 5 pm.

ON THIS DAY

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There was considerable concern about the number of road casualties in the blackout in the first months of the Second World War and a speed limit of 20 mph was imposed. Those who drove in the limited visibility offered by masked headlights at the time may wonder why anyone would want to drive at much over 20 mph with pedestrians pottering about nonchalantly all over the road.

20 M.P.H. LIMIT INBLACK-OUT **NEW MOTORING** LAW TO-NIGHT POLICE SPEED TRAPS

An answer to doubts which have been expressed about the practicability of enforcing the new speed limit of 20 miles an hour in built-up areas during the black-out, which comes into force to night, was given yes-terdsy when Mr. H. Alker Tripp, assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard in charge of traffic, detailed the

arrangements made to deal with offenders. Mr. Terpp said it had been proved by experiements in the black-out that forcement of the new speed limit would not be difficult, and the machinery for dealing with offences under the former limit would be used to some extent. There would be police patrols in cars with speedometers specially set, and foot police would time cars over a measured distance -the system known as trapping -at certain places. Policemen would use red torches, which they would wave to stop offenders. The officers would

ear white coats. Mr. Tripp appealed to motorists to co-operate with the police in trying to make the new speed limit effective

1940 so that the present high total of road casualties migh be reduced. He contended that the police plans were based on a reasonable estimation of

the factors involved. There was nothing arbitrary about the new law,

and it had not been thought out by

officials without experience of driv-

ing cars. It was a practical measure. ADVICE TO DRIVERS

It might be asked how a driver could tell when the speed limit was being exceeded. His reply was that those who were not sufficiently acquainted with their engine and cars to be able to drive within the new limit should practise during the day. If, then, they were physically incapable of driving at 20 m.p.b. they were not qualified to drive at night, and should leave their cars in the garaga. There was another way in which a driver at night could find out whether he was exceeding the speed limit. He could flick on his dashboard light for a second, and unless the light was so bright that it offended against the lighting regulations, or made the driver temporarily blind, nothing would be done by the police.

Drivers should not attempt to overtake other vehicles. In the first days of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit, said Mr Tripp, he noticed that driving was extraordinarily comfortable. Traffic moved uniformly, and that uniformity of movement helped one to comply with the speed limit. The police were relying on the willing compliance of the public, and he felt they would not be disappointed, for the great majority of the public was convinced of the dangers in the

black-out. There were probably some people who would take liberties, but the police would see that they were checked. Offenders against the new limit would be gonged, and where cars were driven at a speed which was obviously excessive police patrol cars would follow them to find out the speed for the information of the

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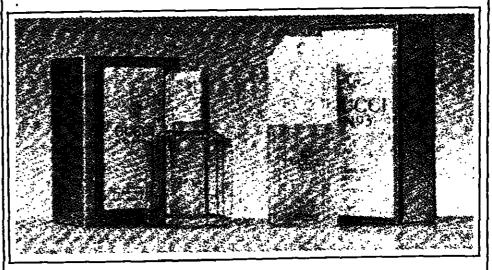
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These letters are chosen from the vast archive in Montreux, to illuminate his professional life as an author after his emigration to America, and are mostly addressed to publishers, editors, academics, and other literati. Many of them are written by, or dictated to, his wife Vera and signed by her; she was always bout her master's business. Some of his letters to his family (very loving and tender), funny letters, letters about his work on butter-flies, and letters illustrating his personal philosophy ("Writers have no social responsibility") are

included, to provide context.

"I have never been able to push
my books — even gently," he told an editor in 1941. He leart fast. "What are you doing in the way of publicity? When are you sending out that announcement?" he asked Harpers, about to publish Speak, Memory. "Have you tried to get any of the so-called book clubs' interested ... ?" He was, as he put it, royally indifferent to mincompoon reviews" believing "nincompoop reviews", believing the only thing that helped a book commercially was "a sustained advertising campaign, lots of adseverywhere". He harried his publishers until he got them. (How meek most authors are in meek most authors are, in comparison.) "After all, literature

is not only fun, it is also business."
He was equally tough about the way his books looked. He told George Weidenfeld that the proposed jacket for Laughter in the Dark was "atrocious, disgusting", and the cover for the paperback of The Defence "meaningless and repulsive". Precision was his mania. He would give only written answers to interviewers questions, because he thought his own speaking style was so slipshod. He would not have his book reviews touched ~ "botched and butchered" - by literary editors. Surprisingly he quite liked being photographed, and gaily suggested to *Life*, in connection with a piece about butterflies, that "some fascinating photos might also be taken of me, a burly but agile man, stalking a rarity or sweeping it into my net from a flowerhead, or

capturing it in mid-air". He was more agile, better read, and simply cleverer, than his editors and publishers, whom he chided for not perceiving the coded jokes, acrostics, puns, and anagrams which he wove into his prose. He also mocked those critics - the "aha! criticules" spotted symbols and references which were not, in his ("I am frankly homosexual on the substance undergo" a horrible and rate", Saul Bellow "a miscrable



opinion, there at all. You couldn't He was feverishly perfectionist about the translations of his Russian books into English, and his English-language books into other languages, controlling the whole process and checking every page. His son Dmitri, who co-edits this volume, was the only translator he really trusted. He

damned Constance Garnett's rendering of Gogol as "dry shit". This book includes pages and pages of listed corrections to translations, proofs, editorial suggestions, and his own original texts - something to marvel at, for non-specialists, rather than to read. Sometimes he slipped up himself, or rather "Father erred" as his son puts it. But style and lated into another tongue", Nabo-kov wrote. He himself suffered agony, switching from Russian to English in the 1940s.

Ulysses might be "by far the greatest English (sic) novel of this century", but in general Nabokov could not tolerate rivals near the throne. T. S. Eliot and Thomas Mann were "big fakes", Pound

mediocrity". He could praise too

— he spotted the quality of
Edmund White from his first novel - but his talent was for fulmination. It was a spill-over from his own passion to excel and his belief in his own work. His nitment is breathtaking.

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He wrote his novels in pencil entirely on 4 x 6 index cards — 1075 of them for Pale Fire — and could only work "in an almost Proustian silence". He avoided the public aspect of authorship ("Socially, I am a cripple"), declining honorary degrees, con-ferences, and all public debate. He sent an icy reply to The New York Times Book Review, refusing to write an open letter to Solzhenitsyn when he first arrived in the West, without divulging that he had already written him a private letter of welcome.

e was engaged, in November 1951, "in the composition of a novel, very moral middle-aged gentle-man who falls very immorally in love with his stepdaughter, a girl of thirteen". The rest is history, i.e. Lolita. The long middle section of this volume consists of correspondence about the difficulties surrounding the publica-tion of what he called his "enormous, mysterious, heart-breaking novel". He knew there would be trouble. "This great and coily thing has had no precedent in literature." But Lolita was not pornographic: "The tragic and the obscene exclude each other." Nabokov had in fact a connoisseur's appreciation of the rude, and he liked *Playboy*.

The notes provided are spare to

the point of parsimoniousness. Correspondents are identified, but many little mysteries remain: "I hope Arthur Mizener did not really mean what the New York Post made him say." Or, "I also enjoyed the marvellous Duchess of Windsor and the Porcelain Pug." Nabokov's widow and son are fiercely protective and reticent in the aftermath of Andrew Fickd's biography, which was deeply re-sented. The footnotes document Field's alleged villainy, and leave us in the dark over much else.

But every now and then, in this austere volume, the man's special charm is revealed - as in the discreet couplet he addressed to Dmitri in Italy when worried, as Dmitri explains in a footnote, about the possible consequence of his son's amorous adventures: In Italy, for his own good,

A la recherche Sixties perdus

n Ian Ross's Rocking the Boat, the world is a strangely hos-pitable place. The sun shines, landladies smile, and the King's Road is a surging sea of models and laughing hairdressers. The life of Paul Shaw, 19 years old and entrepreneur, is like listening to Cliff Richard's "Summer Holi-

day" over and over again.

Not that our hero would be interested in anything as twee as a London Transport Red Rover. More his ticket are MGs, pirate radio stations, and a glamorous socialite called Natasha. In dual pursuit of romantic and pecuniary success, he jitterbugs from base-ment nightclubs in Soho to coun-try houses in Ireland, all the while caught up in a heady whirl of fashion designers, record produc-ers, and gentlemen of deception.

If coincidence plays a heavy hand in Paul Shaw's fate, it comes in the form of chance meetings that for once do not strain credulity. The wry lightness of Ian Ross's touch, the amphetamine tumble of events, the crashing torrent of name-drops convince that in *memory* anyway, the Sixties were like that.

"The stars are stagnant tonight," whinges the narrator of Paul Quarrington's Whate Music, The Great and Little Bears are hibernating, Orion has taken off his belt, laid down his sword, he's eating a TV dinner and watching 'I Love Lucy'." In this book ro-mance is the victim of attrition; if "Summer Holiday" is being played, it's at 33.

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the father he has never met and finds, into the bargain, a halfbrother, a half-sister, and step-mother. The boy Malachy is an outsider in his own family. He is drawn to them but excluded, fascinated but embarrassed by his

the women of the clan - his stepmother's own ghastly mother included - form the nub of the narrative. Chapters are dedicated to their histories and childhoods; their every emotional nuance is noted. Through their relation to each other, a claustrophobic picture is drawn of the dependencies and destructions of family life. Oddly, though, while it is a sexual obsession with his halfsister that prompts Malachy to start his journal in the first place, he gradually erases himself from the writing. The result is strangely dislocated; it is the rites without the passage.
The unhappiness of three

generations of women also stains the pages of Mary Morris's The Waiting Room. Naomi, who fled to America from the pogroms of Russia, buried the man of her dreams on her wedding day; June her daughter, found her husband was love-scarred by the Second World War; and her daughter Zoe lost her childhood sweetheart in Vietnam. When Zoe returns to her Midwest hometown to visit her brother in the local mental hospital, the tales of the three women are interwoven, creating a bond between them that belies their apparent coolness. So strong is the bond that, let your attention wander just a little, and it becomes hard to distinguish between them. Even Mary Morris gets them muddled. "It was the same house Zoe and Cal had put a down payment on when they married", she miswrites at one point, conjuruly. A young boy from New ing an incestnous partnering be-Hood. Jersey comes to England to meet tween father and daughter.

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Latin lover and performing flea

Orid is the performing flea of Latin poetry and no translator could hope to jump so high or draw such gilded coaches; but Melville has worked a miracle. It is difficult to imagine that there will ever be an English version so faithful to the Latin, and written in such sound and

engaging verse.

Melville insists on rhyme, believing that the brilliance of Ovid's verse cannot be reproduced without it; but he avoids the tedium of an unmixed diet of rhyming couplets by using a variety of metres, notably a Melvillian quatrain:

Your husband will be there at the same dinner I wish your husband his last meal tonight. I'm just a guest then, gazing at my darling While at your touch another takes delight. And you to warm another's breast will snuggle While round your neck his

wonder that for fair Hippodamia, When wine went round, the Centaurs came to blows. But the translator can't win. There

arm at will he throws.

is a gain in suppleness and variety, but it does not compensate for the loss of the Ovidian glitter.

Another difficulty for the translator is the level of Ovid's lan-guage. It is so plain, natural, and easy. When he was young he found it difficult to write prose but the poetry flowed - et quod temptabam scribere, versus erat. There are moments when this translation sounds a little dated. This would never have done for Ovid, who was above all a creature

The good old days indeed! I am, thanks be, This age's child: it's just the age

for me. Perhaps, after all, the answer is to drop rhyme and find a scholar poet. Guy Lee in 1968 was further from the Lann but closer to the Ovidiza esprit:

Your husband? Going to the same dinner as us? I hope it chokes him . . . You'll lie there snuggling up to him? He'll put his arm nd your neck whenever he

David West

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You would not know it from the title page, but the introduction explains that when we leave the Amores and come to the Ars Amatoria, we are reading not Melville's translation, but his modernization of the dazzling 1935 version by B. P. Moore, For example, when ladies go to the

"They come to look and to be looked at too . . " (speciatum veniunt, veniunt specientur ut ipsae) "Secure the mistress first: postpone the maid..."
"Gods have their uses: let's believe they're there . . .' "I hate a wench who gives because she's bound,
While coldly thinking of the
wool she's wound.
I like not joy bestowed in duty's I'll have no woman dutiful to

elicious. And yet. And yet. Although it has all the "snap and tang" of the Ovidian elegiac, the fixed rhyme and the fixed number of syllables make it just that little bit less genial. It cloys quicker. Rhyme is tremendous fun in Byron and Gilbert. It can't be much fun for a

faithful translator.

These are astonishing poems, and Melville (and Moore) have worked wonders with them, all the more so since Melville finds Ovid's attitude to women offersive, and the poems heartless. But surely Ovid is at play, and the elegiac lover and the elegiac mistress are pawns in his game. The man himself is generous, joyous, warm-hearted, rightminded, sunny-natured. The world he creates is a fantasy world, world he creates is a fantasy world, like Mr Wodehouse's, and like Mr Wodehouse's "it will never stale... but will continue to release finure generations from captivity that may be more irk-some than our own". To condemn Ovid's attitude to women is like condemning Wodehouse's atti-

ike the biblical prophets, Amos Oz pulls no punches in his desire to describe the desperate moral situation in which Israel finds itself. The dilemma underlying this sequence of arti-cles by Israel's leading author and radical is that because of its genesis and subsequent history, Israel has developed an unreasonable obsession with defence. It has become a modern Sparta, a phalanx with its spears pointing outwards, and inwards too.

This defensiveness and inflexibility, Oz argues, paradoxi-cally weakens Israel, as its citizens will become reluctant to defend the untenable position of retaining territories captured in 1967. It will have difficulty maintaining national cohesion, as the idea of a unified state becomes attenuated through internal conflict. Only territorial concessions will both ensure Israel's future prosperity and restore its collective moral All writers on Israel face the task

of defining the Holocaust, and its relevance to the origins of the Jewish state. Thousands of explanations have been proposed about the effect that genocide had on the Jewish psyche. Oz suggests a theory in order to explain the protectiveness which, he feels, holds Israel in a state of stagnation, and achieves a cunning insight in doing so: the essence of the evil was the imaginative use of deception. This idea is contained in Claude Lanzmann's film Shoah, which Oz discusses in a group of articles, seeking to show that the evil genius behind the final solution was to hide from the victims any knowledge of their ultimate fate, by masking it with elaborate deceptions. The masters of the Holocaust carefully maintained this mass delusion, by insisting that everything be couched in the language of faceless, grey bureaucracy.

The contrast between distortion and eventual reality, and the power that decep-tion brings to those clever enough to use it, are skilfully described, in a disembodied voice that expresses the futility of even trying to translate the Holocaust into the language of reality. Oz succeeds, however, in suggesting something of the kind of imagination used to achieve such deception.

It is against such imaginations ever succeeding again that many Israelis are anxious, even neurotic, to build defences. Oz argues that territorial concessions do not mean exposing Israel to the same risk of deception, and that such defences are useless against disturbances within the occupied terri-

Israel as ostrich

John Slepokura

THE SLOPES OF LEBANON By Amos Oz Translated by Maurie Goldberg-Bartura Chatto & Windus, £13.95

tories. His more subtle conclusion is that the Jewish state has yet to come to terms with the Holocaust. the memory of which still shapes Israel's policy-making excessively.

The Slopes of Lebanon is written with absolute conviction and passion, and the controversial ideas are never mere provocations, but developed, structured arguments. The confident assertiveness in the ideas will convert many, if only by the simple deduction upon which Oz's call for territorial concessions rests: that a Palestinian state, ruled

by the PLO or by anybody else, cannot possibly be a threat to Israel, with its vastly superior military capability.

The major weakness of this daring collection is that it fails to

address itself directly to those who would oppose such theories. Oz has no difficulty in exposing the crude dogmas of the Right, but he relies on unconscious dogmas of his own which his opponents would reject immediately. This lack of mutual understanding on both sides can only add to the polarization that already exists in Israeli society.

he depiction of the zealot Michael Sommo in his lat-est novel *Black Box*, a quintessentially regressive fanatic, whose whole identity is derived from his religiosity, says some-thing about the fear with which Oz views such people; and he clearly has little patience for their convictions and attitudes. But they are a growing force demographically, and will have considerable political clout in 20 years' time. If his ideas are to influence any beyond the Progressive Left of the Labour Party and the Israeli Writers Association, it is to these groups that he will have to present his ideas, to convince them that no other alternative exists. A more formidable challenge, involving a more intractable set of adversar-ies, can hardly be imagined.

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HEALTH

Born to be whole

urgery on the unborn seemed, until recently, an impossible dream. Now, with the world's first heart operation on a baby still in his mother's womb at Guy's Hospital, plus a series of perhaps even more extraordinary procedures in America, fantasy has become fact.

The pioneering techniques to date have been used to give otherwise doomed babies at least a fighting chance of life. But their implications are far wider; what is learnt and developed in these early days may ultimately affect the lives of millions.

In plastic surgery in particular, the unborn child may well be father to the man. Experts believe that within a few years they will not only be able to correct defects before birth, but by understanding the mechanisms of foctal healing they will be able to help

adults disfigured by trauma.

Much of this optimism springs from work done by Dr Michael Harrison, head of the foetal treatment programme at the University of California in San Francisco. He has performed the only operation so far where the foetus is actually removed from the merus for surgery - either partially or wholly - and then

The defects tackled in this way have been of three main kinds: diaphragmatic hernias, where the abdominal contents protrude into the chest cavity, preventing lung development; blocked urethras in male foctuses, causing kidney dilation and lack of amniotic fluid, which in turn inhibits lung growth; and sacral tumours at the base of the spine which, though benign in themselves, take so much blood that they cause cardiac failure

The defects were discovered by

routine scans at around 16 weeks and the operations carried out at between 22 and 26 weeks, when the foctuses were about 8in long and 1lb in weight. The hernia problems are the most difficult - apart from all the other considerations the procedure is technically complex, and only one baby out of six has survived. The bladder operations have been more successful four out of six babies have survived, as have the two who have undergone tumour surgery. Without

David Whitby, senior registrar in astic surgery at St James's Hospital, Leeds, spent several months with Harrison last year and is due to return to California for a further year's research in July. He says: "A lot of patients were sent for consideration, but the technique could only be used on a few. You have to assess which ones would not survive without it, and then within that group you have to find the ones where the abnormality has not become so great that you cannot correct it."

surgery, all would have died.

The operation itself, he says, involves opening the uterus "as in a The first heart surgery on a foetus in the womb has dramatic implications, not least for plastic surgery. Liz Gill reports



Baby face: foetal tissue's healing properties provide clues for wound repair foctus, or just the part to be operated on, outside, on to the mother's abdomen. The procedure, which uses magnification and micro-surgery techniques, is kept as short as possible because of potential problems with temperature and loss of fluid, but the foctus itself does not have to be on a support system since it is still drawing its oxygen through the umbilical cord.

ost-operative medication is given to prevent premature labour, but Harrison's team has not yet been able to delay this longer than 32 weeks, at which time the babies have been delivered by Caesarean section. "The mother is anaesthetized and

so the foctus is anaesthetized through

the placenta. They are closely mon-

suggest they feel any pain," Whitby adds.

One of the most fascinating aspects of pre-natal surgery is the fact that foetal tissue does not appear to scar, and it is this phenomenon that may ultimately have the widest implications for conditions that are not lifethreatening but are certainly lifespoiling.

"Foetal surgery is attention-grab-bing because it is so dramatic, but what is also vital is that the foetus provides us with a model for ideal wound repair. It is as if the operation were invisible," he says.

"If we can discover how it works and there seems no reason why we shouldn't - we should be able to manipulate it or duplicate it so that we can help adult wounds to heal

extraordinary benefit to burns victims and those disfigured in a road traffic accident and other traumas, as well as children or adults with facial and other abnormalities which need

plastic surgery. Not only is scarring unsightly, it can cause physiological problems, sometimes restricting the growth of surrounding tissue or altering function: a common complication of a cleft palate repair, for instance, is that scar tissue affects flexibility.

With congenital defects, the earlier they are tackled the better: cleft palates are already done within days of birth. Being able to operate on a foetus, where the tissues have much greater elasticity and this remarkable repair mechanism, would further increase the chances of normal future growth, Whitby says, and reduce the need for a series of operations, as is often the case now.

he problem is that a defect which is initially small causes further distortion as it grows. "This is why, for instance, there is usually some deformity of the nose with a

Ultrasound techniques are now so sophisticated that they can pick up even minor problems as early as 12 weeks' gestation, provided, says Whitby, you know what you are looking for. Thus not every baby would be routinely scanned for a cleft palate, for instance, but those with a family history of the problem would be scanned.

Moreover, Whitby says, DNA detection techniques are increasing in scope all the time; eventually, a simple blood test might indicate various potential problems.

The whole field of foetus surgery is still in its early stages, and much has yet to be resolved, not least of which are the implications for the mother.

"You have, for example, to consider not only the risk of the actual operation but also her future fertility. Ordinarily the incision for a Caesarcan is made low down, but with these operations you must make it into the body of the uterus. That then becomes a weak spot, and there might be a small risk that it might rupture during a subsequent pregnancy. "On the other hand, if you are producing a perfect baby at birth there must be great psychological advantages. Parents are not having to come to terms with a deformed baby."

The unanswered question, of course, is what effect all this may have on the developing baby and its personality. There is already a substantial school of thought which says that influences before birth may be as powerful as those afterwards.

"This is what we just don't know, Whitby says. "There are people who say they have memories of life in the womb. But all those who have had this operation are still too young for

Lens wearers must clean up their act

The ability of contact leases to boost the morale of people teased since school about spectacles is almost as important as any improved

vision they bring.

The cost paid for these advantages is the everpresent threat of corneal infection and ni- lan Mackie of St George's Hospital suggests ceration, keratitis. Hitherto patients have been taught that if they follow the manufacturers' instructions all will be well, and that it is only the negligent who suffer. A report in Pulse magazine has warned that there is an organism, acanthamoeba, at large in tap water which defies the usual recommended cleaning schedule, soaking for two to four hours in 3 per cent hydrogen peroxide.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

with total disregard for medi-

cal teaching, favours a choc-

olate torte dessert made from

Mangani, more conscious of the Health Education Author-

ity's advice, has contributed a

dish of mackerel, spring on-

The book suggests food for every hour of the day, which, according to Professor David

Jenkins of Toronto, is just as it

should be. Canadian research

has confirmed 1930s studies

which showed that if people

abandoned the three tradi-

tional meals a day and instead

by an average of 8.5 per cent,

and the dangerous low-density

cholesterol by 13.5 per cent. Recent editorials in *The*

Lancet and the British Medi-

cal Journal have discussed the

advantages of becoming a

nibbler, for although the Jen-

kins regime of 17 meals a day

may be impractical, there is

precedent for the Jenkins case

from Victorian farmworkers,

who regularly managed five

The Lancet has used the

cating one huge evening meal

a day; this results in a low

ions and mixed herbs.

Dr Roger Buckley of Moorfields Eye Hospital recommends overnight soaking in hydrogen peroxide to kill the organism, or boiling for half an hour, but warns that this latter action shortens the life of the lenses. Mr that if sterile water is not available to clean the

lens, tap water should be taken from the kitchen, which usually runs off the mains, rather than from the bathroom. Once the water-borne infection has been introduced into the eyes it seems to be

stimulated by the tears and becomes difficult to treat. In the absence of anything better, Neomycin remains the treatment of choice.

Less cutting



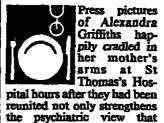
"When in doubt, cut it out." The huge scars of which they were proud were their trademark. Surgery is changing; gallstones and kidney stones still have to be removed, but the fragmenting power of the lithotripter has made the operation a less invasive, or even non-invasive, procedure. Inflamed appendices can now be removed through a laparoscope, leaving no more than a puncture wound; knees are operated on via an arthroscope; prostates can be shrivelled by a microwave; and soon a large percentage of hysterectomies will be avoided by using treatment

which removes the lining of

the womb rather than the

Be a nibbler

womb itself.



reunited not only strengthens the psychiatric view that much of the maternal bonding takes place during pregnancy and at, or immediately after, delivery, but also demons-trates the regard which south London mothers feel for the hospital. Providing this standard of service has its difficulties, for Alexandra is only one of 3,500 babies delivered annually in labour wards designed to cope with 1,500.

planned long before Alexan- at their sharpest, raised dra became a household name cholesterol levels, and inhas been launched to raise £3 creased weight. Twenty years ago dictitians thought that a million to improve delivery 14st, 6ft City man could lose a and research facilities. The fundraising activities organstone in weight in a year if he ized by staff and former patients include the publicadivided his daily calorie intake into three equal portions tion of a recipe book. One rather than taking them all in former patient, Deborah Cox, one large meal.

The British Medical Journal makes the point that the advice to eat little and often is cream, butter, eggs, chocolate, instant coffee and brandy; a not a licence to have snacks between three hearty meals a member of staff, Dawn day. Jenkins's subjects took a prudent diet.

> ■ The St Thomas's Recipe Book costs £4.50 (or £5 inc p&p) from St Thomas's Baby Fund, Department of Gynaecology, 6th floor, North Wing, St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1 7EH.

Private care



Ministers as well as patients will welcome the reduction in the number of hysterectomies, which have be-

Secretary Kenneth Clarke's latest battle with the British Medical Association. The BMA feels that it is not right that lay administrators should be furnished with a list of women who have had hysterectomies so that an up-to-date record of women still needing smears can be prepared. Other doctors, conscious that the local bureaucracy already handles sensitive information about smears, prescriptions, pregnancies and even the patients' entire case notes, would rather direct their fire at the recent research to attack the recently publicized ministerial increasingly popular habit concept that all information among City commuters of which a doctor acquires when which a doctor acquires when dealing with his NHS patients becomes the property of the blood sugar during the work- bureaucracy, rather than

Training to be a higher flyer

I applied to be the first British astronaut along with 13,000 other people in mid-summer, went through the selection procedures and ended up in the final four. Two are in Moscow now (one of whom will presumably be the first astronaut) and two of us are back-ups in the UK.

The Soviets have many years' experience in space, so we are learning from them. For example, on the endoscopy test, looking at the stomach, any duodenitis or gastritis, any sign of an ulcer ophy on food is to look at what blown up, which was fairly or healed ulcer, excludes a person. Although it's only a seven-day mission, they don't We were hunter-scavengers want it in any way jeopardized

by one person.

I've been slightly lucky in that I'm a navy diver and my medical interest has been occupational medicine. To maintain my qualification as a diver I have to keep a certain level of fitness which is tested once a year. I try to do a little exercise each day - my favourite thing is swimming, at least twice a week, 60 lengths of the local pool. I'm fairly lazy and if I could avoid coing exercise I would, so I find that the best way for me is to run or cycle in and out of work - between two and four miles every day. My philos-





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we were designed to do before stressful. If it's on a personal we had modern technology. basis — if someone has really and we are some meat and a something about it fair amount of whatever else immediately. My regime was available. I don't eat much meat, mainly chicken and fish, and lots of baked beans - a much under-rated food. I don't eat much fruit but I drink a lot of juice and eat a a lot of vegetables. I work best with six or seven hours' sleep, more than that and I feel lethargic the next day, but I can work (and frequently do) all through the night. I can maintain concentration for that period of time and get a

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I think most people found the motion sickness tests the hardest. There was one where we were zipped up into a black plastic bag on wheels and trundled backwards and forwards on a railway line for 20 minutes. To me it felt like being in the hold of a big ship with a storm approaching so it didn't worry me. The motion sickness test is important because in the first week in space about 50 per cent of astronauts are very sick, vomiting and disoriented. This mission is only a week long and they want people to perform intricate experiments in that time, so they don't want them to be sick.

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THE ARTS

Lost in critical circles

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

Having spent the last 25 years of my life as a drama critic, when not staring at television on your behalf, I approached last night's Signals on Channel 4 with a wary kind of fascination. Discussions about the role of the critic are a regular part of the job. No politician ever gets as exercised about the function of a Westminster journalist, no stockbroker ever frets about a City Editor, as much as playwrights, directors and actors agonize about the power, responsibilities and tastes of a drama critic.

It was, therefore, intelligent of Signals to open with a dressing-room monologue by Nicholas Craig, the mythical actor invented by Nigel Planer of The Young Ones, precisely to pinpoint and parody the neuroses of players when faced with the gap between themselves and reality.

It was perhaps less intelligent to set the rest of the discussion in the hothouse atmosphere of the Hampstead Theatre, thereby confining much of it to the specific anxieties of North London intellectual theatrical workers. Why can these discussions never take place in the Palladium or the Citizens' in Glasgow?

True, Joyce McMillan, com-bining a double rarity in being both a female reviewer and a leading Scots one at that, blasted in like a breath of Highland air; but for the rest of the debate we were treated to the usual ritual lurch around sexual and racial prejudice and whom the critic thinks he or she is employed to

Nobody was ever intelligently challenged. Mike Leigh suggested that not enough critics knew enough of backstage reality, patently unaware that almost all have in their time been amateur student actors or directors or indeed professional playwrights. Timothy West thought most of us had been around too loog, without ever wondering whether actors might have the same problem. Vintage clips of old John Osborne rows, or Ken Tynan bickering with Harold Hobson, only served as reminders of how little the debate has progressed in 40 years.

There was a recent storm in a teacup over whether the critic Frank Rich destroyed David Hare's last play on Broadway. The answer is that any hostile New York Times review always destroys a serious play on Broadway, for the simple reason that New Yorkers seem incapable of buying more than one serious paper.

With this affair as its news peg, arguments over instant journalism versus academic criticism, Tynan versus Shaw, good writing versus respectful box-office ticket nanship. But it did not reach any conclusions that would not have been familiar to both Hazlitt and Max Beerbohm.

At the end, it was left to Paul Gems to ask simply bow any drama critic can ever hope to rentain sane. The answer is "with difficulty", especially when faced with yet another playwright asking why critics really believe they are there to criticize.

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Yours precisely, Arthur Miller

Heather Neill on the American writer whose play The Price opens in London

tonight and whose work, old and new, is more popular than ever before

rthur Miller is in town. The strong, benign face - once affectionately described by the actor Bob Peck as looking, when jet-lagged, like a tired ostrich - stares out from every kind of newspaper. Whatever Douglas Hurd is up to in the States, some kind of artistic "special relationship" exists between Brit-ish theatre and this man, the quintessen-tial 20th-century American, survivor of the Depression, McCarthyism and marriage to Hollywood's Ideal Woman.

The Arthur Miller Centre was opened with éclat at the University of East Anglia some months ago and the plays are being revived in theatres from Lancaster to the National, from Leicester to the Young Vic, where The Price opens tonight. Miller has, it seems, something to say to us, both in person and through his work, which we clamour to hear.

At a press conference at the Young Vic last week, he reiterated his most familiar and necessary - caveat; without adequate subsidy, serious British theatre will die, Broadway is an awful warning. Ironically, he has helped to put on the map one of the most under-funded theatres in London: this is the fifth Miller play to be directed by David Thacker at the Young Vic. "I like small, unsuccessful theatres", he jokes. "I like the atmosphere here. Actors become less playful when there's a million dollars riding on them." He adds simply: "They do my plays well here." But that laconic statement belies the closeness of his association with this particular director, a man of almost 75 must have good reasons

for flying the Atlantic to attend rehearsals. This is the second time he has come over during rehearsals: he was here a year ago when Helen Mirren and Bob Peck appeared in the première of his double-bill Two-Way Mirror, but his contact with Thacker goes back beyond that. News of the Young Vic's Crucible reached Miller via his agent in 1986. Subsequently,

Thacker worked, with the author's approval and support, on "Englishing" his version of Ibsen's An Enemy of the People. Miller saw that production last year and

wrote about it enthusiastically.

The Price is set in the former family home of two brothers, Victor, a policeman (played here by David Calder), and Walter (Bob Peck), a successful surgeon. Victor gave up his ambition to be a doctor in order to look after his father following his bankruptcy during the Depression; Walter escaped to achieve recognition in the wider world. Yet each has to face hard truths about his motives, about the real reason for his choice and what that has cost him. As Peck puts it: "They must get to the marrow of the bone of contention

between them".
For Peck there are clear personal echoes: he happens to have a brother who is a policeman and who took most responsibility for caring for their father, while he has himself found success in theatre, film and television. Miller, he says, presents actors with characters so specific and recognizable and dialogue so real that when things are going well they scarcely feel they are acting at all. "When you act in Miller you take on a whole culture."

hacker's hallmarks as a director are respect for the text and an emphasis on human feeling what he has called "emotional nakedness". Given the fierce passion in his plays it is not perhaps quite so difficult to appreciate Miller's interest. He can supply the answers when Thacker requires specific information and he must be impressed by the attention to detail. "The Price seems," says Thacker, "to have been set in 1964 and that crucial conversation between the brothers to have taken place in 1936." He presented the internal evidence to Miller, who had forgotten, but corroborated the suppositions. Esther, Victor's wife, has just been for a

check-up in the first scene of the play. There are references to alcohol, but has she another illness? Miller immediately provided the answer over-active thyroid. "It gives the actress [Marjorie Yates] something concrete to work with," says Thacker. These snippets of information were gleaned from trans-Atlantic telephone conversations. According to Peck, the director was on the phone before the play was cast. Yet Thacker deprecates the idea of a special relationship, merely using the same, easy-sounding formula as Miller himself: "We try to do the plays well." Director and actors testify to Miller's

supportiveness, his humour and human-

ity. He hung back at first last year, but

soon he was improvising the unheard responses to Bob Peck's telephone conversations in Some Kind of Love Story. His contribution is chiefly, as he puts it himself, "to give short cuts, to throw a light on something that might otherwise be murky". But the way he does that can be inspirational. The attitude of the cast is little short of adoring, but more because Miller is anxious to demystify than because he comes on as the great celebrity. After the first morning's rehearsal of Miller's visit, Marjorie Yates looked as if she had been given the key to her portrayal of Victor's disappointed wife: Esther, she had been told, could have been happy living on her own. David Calder had suddenly seen his character as a radical someone who, affected by the Depression, believed that Capitalism was coming to an end. "There's a smell of it in the text. But it's so clear now. It saves weeks.' "This," says Thacker, "is an extraor-

dinary moment in history. People in Europe are trying to investigate the past in a truthful way, to uncover what is illusory. Miller's work is especially powerful now.

■ The Price, directed by David Thacker.



Spidery tale which lacks bite

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale Have

The Pit

The black widows scuttling across the Pit's muddy floor are human. but turn out to have had arachnoid habits. When their husbands had served their purpose, by acquiring enough acres to be worth inheriting, they promptly poisoned them. This apparently happened with

remarkable frequency in rural Hungary between 1920 and 1929, four years before Have was written. For some commentators, it olence, for others by an anarchist spirit dating from the war. For the communist dramatist Julius Hay - then in prison, penning the play on lavatory paper - the reason was embodied in his one-word title. In a world where having and not having define human value, the have-nots will do anything to become haves.

It sounds dour, and at the Pit is sometimes dourer than it might be. Opportunities for wry laughter are missed. In spite of the occasional piece of rustic flamboyance and the unexplained omni-

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Wedding-eve advice: Naomi Wirthner (left), and Estelle Kohler in Have

presence of a cackling gipsy girl, the cast never quite throw off their Englishness. Some seem not to have been nearer grubby, dangerous Transylvania than Southend. Yet somehow Janice Honeyman's production remains lucid. brisk, gripping.

Things begin fake-innocently, with the poor policeman Dani (John Ramm) dreaming of marrying his wilting sweetheart Mari (Naomi Wirthner). And then, after yet another suspicious funeral, the revelations proliferate. She is pregnant by Dani; then married to a rich landowner; and then, armed with "white powder" by the local midwife, his and his crippled daughter's murderess. Her vorac-

ity increases with her violence. Hay's point is, of course, that love, morality, everything, disappears under economic pressure. Only possession matters. And when their fortunes improve, the exploited adopt the ethics they know, those of the exploiters. It is a familiar analysis, and not always put across with great subtlety by Hay. The word "have" enters the conversation with portentous frequency. There is an enlightened priest to wonder where the "blame" lies for poverty, and a communist family to suggest that social change is possible. There is also a fatuous police sergeant who unconsciously mocks the powerful by idolizing them.

Yet some characterization - a flustered, self-pitying doctor, or a city sentimentalist patronizingly in search of folk culture - is marvellously idiosyncratic. In 1956 Hay was imprisoned as a dissident, and even in his communist days was too quirky to be dismissed as a glib didact.

Supporting performers - Bob Heyland, William Chubb, Rehecca Saire - come off best. But Wirthner fails plausibly to make her admittedly tricky transitions: innocence to hardness to bewilderment. And apart from one moment, when she literally lets down her hair and balefully dances, Estelle Kohler misses the wildness and danger of the play's most interesting character, the killer-midwife, Kepes. She should be the spider queen, magnificent

Relentless romanticism

Jeremy Kingston

The Naked Haymarket Studio, Leicester

After a poor attempt at a Victorian whodunit last month, the Studio Company find themselves on surer ground with an interesting Pirandello, written in the same year as Enrico IV, and to some extent the reverse image of it. Where the hero of Enrice cannot escape from a role he no longer wishes to play, the frail victim of The Naked cannot find her way into the role she longs to play.

An ugly episode with her married employer has left Ersilia psychologically naked, lying in her hospital bed after swallowing poison. Desperate to think of her life as containing some scrap of romance, she turns a passing affair with a naval officer into a doomed grand passion. But the story gets into the papers, her life is saved and the men in her past rush forward to dispute her account. leaving her without a stitch of romance to cover her nakedness. Like a true Pirandello character. she is trapped in the toils of her

When Ersilia's curiously stormtossed manner towards the other characters is finally explained, in a

curtain speech while a second dose of poison is conveniently slow to take effect, much of what has gone before slips into focus. Until then, however. Pirandello's method of disclosing a story that all lies in the past calls for emotional outbursts out of synch with what has been revealed so far. Finding the tone that makes enough sense to get along with is not easy, and the actors who come off best are those playing the shallower characters -Laurence Kennedy's flustered officer and Neal Swettenham's complacent journo. Until her final speech, Valerie Gogan keeps Ersilia on too narrow a range of victim and martyr, where a more vibrant delivery would help us forget the hardness of our seats. Fenella Fickling never con-

vinces us for a moment that she is gossiping with a neighbour through the window, but it is good to see her playing the hennaed landlady with a restraint that keeps the comedy within the needs of the play. Even the word "qualms", which in other circumstances she is quite capable of stretching to five syllables, slips through at its normal length.

The decision to run three acts without an interval is seriously unkind, and Simon Usher's direction should look to the sunbeams that, morning and evening slant through the shutters at the same A performance short on polish impressive passage there was a blemish; the whizz through the CONCERTS Richard Morrison

RPO/Ashkenazy

Festival Hall

Joshua Bell is a young American violinist who gained some notoriety when Decca accompanied his first disc with a broadside of hagiographic hype remarkable even by record company standards. The classical music world still clings to the old-fashioned notion that you do your great performances first, and become famous later, reversing this proce-dure has done Bell no favours.

His performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto revealed a promising talent in need of polishing. For every technically

The Suk Trio, now composed of Josef Suk, Josef Cuchro and Josef Hála, make music as if the music has never stopped. These are not performances taken out of the travelling case, pressed and polished for the occasion: rather, the playing seems to grow out of a continuum of response and recreation constantly being regenerated in the players' lives.

This was pointed at a purely chronological level by the first piece of the evening: an elegie written by Suk's grandfather and namesake. Five minutes of high yearning melody, raging at its centre and echoing from the

finale was deft and accurate, but the double-stoppings occasionally took us into the realms of the oriental modes. His tone has a silvery distinction, but sometimes his articulation is marred by a rather harsh scoop towards the right pitch.

It is, however, his interpretation that needs most attention. At present his delivery of even the sentimental Andante has a cold, robotic feel. Note succeeds note, but they rarely add up to phrases that speak to the heart.

The Royal Philharmonic, under Vladimir Ashkenazy's direction, continues to be a thoroughly resilient, if not resident, orchestra. Ashkenazy's sturdy account of Beethoven's overture Leonora No 3 might have served as an example to Joshua Bell of what musical

Hilary Finch

Suk Trio Wigmore Hall

memory of the composer's teacher and father-in-law, Dvorák, the work summoned forth immediately the Trio's distinctive voice: at once expansive and densely concentrated, sweet yet bitter edged, deep and generous of breadth. In Dvorák's F minor Piano Trio,

the details which fase to articulate the group's full-hearted playing began to surface: the seemingly intuitive timing and placing of sionately romantic approach to dynamics, spoilt only by some wobbly ensemble work.

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Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony was played even better. Ashken-azy took a thrillingly full-blooded view of a work that sometimes seems to embarrass its executants with its blatant emotionalism.

The opening had a marvellously melodramatic atmosphere of Dostoevsky-like brooding; the waltz was by turns lithe or bustling; the phrasing of the big, sweeping tunes was done with a lilting flexibility; and the finale crackled with brass power. Ashkenazy even managed to instil some fresh ideas: no mean feat with this battered old warhorse. To the first movement he added a few half-pauses that seemed to intensify the Slavonic weightiness, while in the finale he brought unusual emphasis to the

horns' counter-tunes.

every portamento, the leaping melodies, hard-pushed physically, yet never over-stretched musically; the sudden moments of understatement like Suk's own reticent start of the slow movement's

After the interval came another work of substance, composed, like the Dvorák, against a background of bereavement and grief. Smetana's G minor Piane Trie, born from Suk's own wonderfully soaring and dipping recitative, was to give glowing prominence to both piano and cello. Hála's luminous piano playing led into the final out-burst of corporate affirmation.

Falling for the master of charm

David Toop

Barry Manilow London Palladium

Having to retrieve a batterypowered flashing red rose from under my feet, dropped by the lady in seat Q11, was surely the best possible start to a charity concert given by Barry Manilow. Fifteen minutes before the curtain was due to rise, the stalls were

enveloped in feverish excitement "I feel ill. I can't be that close." squeaked one fan, moving towards the back of the theatre for emotional refuge. Only star-spot-ting of the "Barbara Windsor, 'oos she married to?" variety seemed to offer any distraction during these final tense moments.

When Barry appeared, wearing a black polo-neck sweater and red jacket, there was pandemonium

Rambert Dance Company proudly lists Frederick Ashton as founding choreographer, but perhaps the company should find a masthead place for the name of Merce Cunningham too, since he is the role model for many of its present chereographers.

Not that any of the new genera tion can hope to match the old master, so it is a pleasure to welcome another real Cunningham work to the repertoire - Doubles, which was premiered at Birmingham Rep on Tuesday.

Created for his own company in 1984, this is a sequence of dances lasting 25 minutes for a total of four women and three men, Much of the action takes the form of solos, which are interrupted or consterpointed part of the time by. generally speaking, a couple of

The movement involves, for the

Manilow: self-mocking magic and the male members of the audience looked on glumly.

Commencing with a John F. Kennedy quote, Barry at once revealed those aspects of his act which drive stern critics to derision and otherwise self-pos-sessed women to delirium. Awkward, vulnerable yet supremely relaxed, he appeared to sing almost as an afterthought. The soft carpet of digital strings crept underneath one of his charming autobiographical an-

DANCE

John Percival

Doubles

Birmingham Repertory

women, repeated and sustained balances on one leg while the other leg projects in different directions

and at varied angles. These are often accompanied by crisp ges-

tures with the hands. For the men,

meanwhile, there are frequent

Because the choreography is

uncluttered and precise, it calls for

dancing of great accuracy. This it

gets from a cast with no weak

links, although three of the danc-

ers especially stand out - Amanda

Britton for the forceful simplicity

of her opening solo, Lacy Bethane

circling jumps.

"Memories" was approached with a degree of subtlety not usually associated with such a dreaded song. It was only delivered as a "belter" when the key changed and the military snare drum entered.

was into a number.

For rendition of his 1978 hit. "Can't Smile Without You", he picked Suzanne, a London bank employee, to come up from the stalls and join him on stage. These occasions can be distasteful, but Manilow coaxed her through the song gently and then presented her with a signed video of their duet.

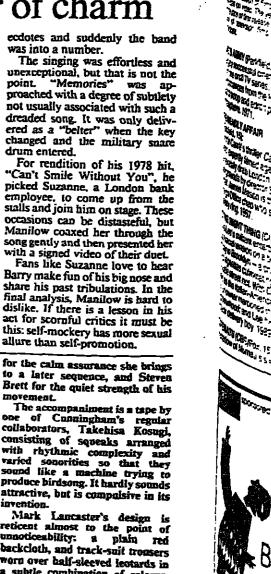
Fans like Suzanne love to hear Barry make fun of his big nose and share his past tribulations. In the final analysis, Manilow is hard to dislike. If there is a lesson in his act for scornful critics it must be this: self-mockery has more sexual

allure than self-promotion. for the calm assurance she brings

movement. The accompaniment is a tape by one of Cunningham's regular collaborators, Takehisa Kosugi, consisting of squeaks arranged with rhythmic complexity and varied sonorities so that they sound like a machine trying to produce birdsong. It hardly sounds attractive, but is composive in its

Mark Lancaster's design is reticent almost to the point of nnoticeability: a plain red backcloth, and track-suit trousers wore over half-sleeved lectards in a subtle combination of colours. The dancers look good in them, and in the piece. There are further performances this month at Mold and York and next month at Sadler's Wells.

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THE ARTS/FILM

David Robinson reviews the Chet Baker biopic Let's Get Lost, Sur, Far North and Lockup, and previews a season of pre-Revolutionary Russian films

Till he blew himself away

he first few minutes of Bruce Weber's Let's Get Lost (15, Metro) are not encouraging. The dislocated images, frantic camera movement, grainy black and white images and self-conscions compositions promise a photographers' film - and Weber affaiter all, a world-class photog-

Bit by bit, though, it becomes apparent that these fragments are elements in a collage, whose design becomes clearer as the film goes on. When the last piece puzzling images) finally falls into place, there is the intense satisfaction of filling the last hole in a igsaw puzzle. We have our complete picture, which is a portrait in depth of the jazz trumpeter Chet Baker.

Baker was born in Oklahoma in 1929, taught himself trumpet (he never learned to read music) and at 24, after getting himself discharged from the army on psycho-logical grounds, was playing with top azz musicians such as Charlie Parker and Gerry Mulligan.

He was dazzlingly handsome, in the short-haired, baby-faced style of the Fifties. His looks and the deep dark eyes, expressing both hart and burning sincerity, made him a natural romantic idol for the James Dean era. Apart from his trumpet, he had a soft, seductive singing voice. He was featured in a few films; an awful sex-drugs-andmusic melodrama, All The Fine Young Cannibals, was partly based on his life, and he had a brief acting career in Italian films. In later life he was ravaged by drugs; and in the late Sixties his musical career was interrupted when be lost all his teeth in a brawl. He was eventually able to perform again; but died mysteriously in 1987, falling from the window of a hotel room in Amsterdam. My colleague Clive Davis, elsewhere on this page, traces the story from the jazz-

writer's viewpoint.

Bruce Weber became fascinated—as most people who knew Baker were - during the last

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unpredictable habits made shooting difficult, but Weber followed him doggedly, filming his last recorded sessions and constant interviews. Baker's face is ruinous, with sunken cheeks and deep furrows; and he moves and speaks as if in a trance, slowly and painfully groping for thoughts and Words.

Somehow his musical gift has survived, more or less intact; and the deep eyes still protest sincerity - quite mendaciously, as we gradually discover. He tells, with feeling, the story of losing his teeth: moments later, one of his mistresses warns us that his version, like much else, is likely to be quite untrue.

e meet one of his three wives, several of his mistresses, and his mother. All under the spell of his charm, even while they recall the desertions, infidelities, disloyalty, ruthless manipulation and even brutality.

Weber has caught some extraor-dinary revelations: Baker's desperate effort to dredge up from his logged mind some knowledge of his own children; the moment when his mistress discovers that the gift from Baker that she has most treasured - the film rights in his life - has been prodigally given to Weber as well. There is a more disquieting episode when Baker's widow begs Weber not to use her unguarded comment on a mistress: he has done so just the

Even as Weber's film strips bare

the pitifully frail and destructive

personality of this gifted man, the spectator's sympathy for him grows, against all probability. The fragmented but dramatic narrative of this skilfully structured documentary recalls Clint Eastwood's dramatized biography of Baker's one-time colleague Charlie Parker, Bird. There is an odd link: when Parker died at 35 the doctors guessed his age as 60; when Baker died at 58 the Dutch police described him, despite his ruined face, as "a man of 30, with



Someone to lean on: Chet Baker enjoying the support of his wife Liliane in Brace Weber's Let's Get Lost

Musical fantasy, an elegy and an exercise in brutality

A sin Let's Get Lost, collage is also the method of Fernando Solanas's Sur (South) (15, Cannon Premiere), which won him the prize for best direction at the Cannes Festival. As a musical-fantasy essay on recent Argentinian history, it is a secuel to Solanas's earlier Tangos. Tangos dealt with Argentinians in exile in France in the Seventies Sur is about the return from prison of a victim of the military dictatorship.

Again the musical basis is a melancholy, evocative Argentine tango, sung breathily but con-fidently by the veteran Roberto Goyenoche. The style is all theatrical artifice, with most scenes set in night streets, photographed in predominant blue, with drifting smoke, and papers - symbolizing perhaps the printed detritus of the election that preceded the fall of the Generals - that swirl about the feet of the actors.

The hero has emerged from

the wife who was unfaithful during his absence. As he wanders the night town, he meets people from his past, both the living and the ghosts. A lot of the dialogues and memories in this overlong twohour film are likely to be elusive for British audiences, but the songs and choreography are inich. There are some fine and often comic fantasy setpieces, such as the library where, like a litany, civil servants read off the titles of books and films while a chorus responds with the grounds ("Marxist", "porno-graphic", "subversive") on which the words of Frend, St Exupery and Solinas himself are to be

The actor-playwright Sam Shepard wrote Paris, Texas for Wim Wenders, and the play Fool for Love which Robert Aliman filmed. But for his own directorial debut, Far North (12, Cannon, Tottenham Court Road), his

prison, but hesitates to return to script is an odd, whimsical and quite unconvincing piece of Americana. Charles Durning (over-playing, unusually) is a Minnesota veteran of two wars, who is hospitalized by a runaway horse, and irrationally vows vengeance on the poor animal.

His demand that his favourite, town-dweller daughter should shoot the horse, a family causes crisis in his all-female household, consisting of his spaced-out wife, country-bred daughter, trollopy grand-daughter and crotchety mother-in-law who unwillingly celebrates her 100th birthday while Durning decides the fate of the horse. The dialogue, as might be expected, is bright, there are some ambitious devices; but the characters go no deeper than a series comedy.

Lock Up (18, Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street, Chelsea) is an almost abstract exercise in sadism - abstract in the sense that the story that justifies the drawn from the literate bourgeoi-

non-stop brutality is almost non-existent. Sylvester Stallone is (as usual) serving time despite his unquestionable innocence. He is snatched from his prison cell, with its Paul Klee posters on the wall, to be taken off to a nightmare establishment whose warden (Donald Sutherland) sets out to work off an old grudge, with every ical brutality the dull mind of the writers can think up. The director of this orgy of beating,

kicking, electrocution, drowning and insult was John Flynn. Next week the National Film Theatre begins a season of the rediscovered films from the last years of Imperial Russia, which I wrote about on their first appearance at the Pordenone Film Festival last year. It is a rare chance to

more than 70 years. Russian cinema audiences, unlike those in English-speaking countries at the time, tended to be

see films that have been hidden for

sie; and the films reflect the tastes of an audience in the throes of enthusiasm for Symbolist literature and Art Nouveau. They thrilled to tales of mystery and occult, of necrophilia and beautiful femmes fatales.

The film-makers shunned the rapid American style of montage, and relied rather on sophisticated acting and highly developed tech-niques of lighting and arrangement within the shot. The great actors of the years before the 1917 Revolution, such as Ivan Mosjoukie, Vera Karalli and Vera Kholodnaya, are still mesmeric.

And the season reveals one director of real genius, Evgenii Baner, who would certainly have given a quite different direction to Soviet cinema if he had not died in 1917. Resurrected at last, Bauer's extraordinary visionary inven-tion, dramatic skill and psychological perception add a significant new name and a new chapter to film history.

His commercial appeal always made him suspect in some jazz

No exclusive rights to drug addiction

Clive Davis, jazz critic of The Times, on the truly tragic story of trumpeter Chet Baker

bet Baker's place in the jazz pantheon would have been secured long ago if he had had the sense to follow Bix Beiderbecke's examp before he was 30. As it is, he lived another three decades, long enough to see his legend assailed by heroin and the changing winds

After all his restless wander is around Europe and America, his reputation rests mainly on a handful of recordings from the early Fifties. "His experience," the American critic Nat Hentoff once noted, "is that of the young novelist who writes one or two books that last, and spends the rest of his career wondering why it

never happened again."

Hentoff was writing in 1973. By that time, Baker had edged back towards regular touring, his drug problem momentarily kept at bay with methadone. At the time of his death, he was still playing music of extraordinary beauty. On his last visits to Ronnie Scott's, the sight of him perched on a stool, focusing all his strength on a ballad, was almost unbearably poignant. When he was on form, the sound that emerged transcended all his physical frailties. Ouce the epitome of wide-eyed,

mid-Western youth, Chesney Baker first attracted attention in 1952, at the age of 22, when he joined Charlie Parker's band during one of the altoist's visits to Los Angeles. The real turning point, wever, came when he linked up with the baritone saxophor Gerry Mulligan, on a series of dates at a bar called The Haig.

Like so many jazz milestones, the birth of the famous Raker-Muligan quartet arose in part from pure chance. The Haig's owner had put the venue's piano in storage while playing host to the trio of the vibraphone player Red Norvo. With no piano to set the tonal centre, Mulligan was free to develop a contrapuntal style for saxophone, trumpet and bass. Baker, a technically limited performer who played by ear, immediately rose to the challenge.

The group's spare and buoyant sound helped define what has become known as "West Coast Jazz", a reaction again frenetic tempo of New York-based belop. A hanning trumpet-led version of "My Funny Valentine" brought huge commercial success, and within a matter of months Baker was tempted to embark on a sole career, making use of his albums were by no means as empty as some detractors suggest, but they seldom re-kindled the chemistry of the Mulligan quartet. By the end of the Fifties he had

began the long decline into drug addiction, marked by a depressing cycle of arrests and flurries of inspiration in the studio. After a severe beating by drug dealers rained his emboachare, he was forced to stop playing altogether for nearly three years, scraping a living by working at a petrol

quarters. The fact that he was originally inspired by the spacious trumpet phrasing of Miles Davis was also held against him. Like Dave Brubeck, another

West Coast star, Baker was back of black me Fifties, when black artists were systematically ignored by the mainstream media, the charge carried some weight. The passing of the years brings some perspec-tive: Baker's success was more than just a question of good looks and good luck.

The backlash against the whole West Coast school - dismissing it as a pseudo-classical dilution of true jazz - did nothing for his reputation either. Some of the music which came out of Los Angeles and San Francisco un-doubtedly sounds effete and pretentious today. At its best, however, the approach did open new avenues, finding original ways to fuse improvisation and

Bruce Weber's film has already aroused other mutterings. Is it just another study of the jazz junkie. one to place alongside Bird and assorted Hollywood travesties? The simple but uncomfortable answer is that it is bard to make a film about the post-swing era without dwelling on the question of addiction (Charlotte Zwerin's documentary on Thelonious Monk, Straight No Chaper, is an

In the Forties and Fifties, a generation of young musicians was



Near the end: Chet Baker in 1987 ravaged by drugs. Arduous working conditions, the "outsider" status of belop and the creative demands on players all contributed to the phenomenon. Miles Davis's autobiography, due out next mouth, is a reminder of how many substances some musicians aged to consume. One of the reasons that the Mulligan-Baker partet broke up, in fact, was that Mulligan was removed from the scene due to a 90-day sentence for ession of narcotics. Baker. sadly, was no lone mistit.

VIDEO BOX Geoff Brown

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

DAD'S ARMY (Parkfield, U): Largely successful cinema spin-off from the droll TV series, with lively performances from the Home Guard troop and adroit period stmosphere. 1971. THE DEADLY AFFAIR

(Parkfield, 15): John le Carré's thriller *Call for the* Dead, expertly filmed against ely drab London backgrounds by director Sidney Lumet. James Mason is the Foreign Office chap who stumbles on a spy ring. 1967.

DO THE RIGHT THING (CIC, 18): Spike Lee's militant entertainment about racial tension on a bolling hot day in Brooklyn — a chain of starp vignettes culminating in a full-scale street riot. With Danny Aielio as the Italian-American pizza parlour owner marconed in a black neighbourhood: and Lee himself as neighbourhood; and Lee himself as his black delivery boy. 1989.

NOSFERATU (CBS/Fox, 15): The shadow of Murnau's slient

classic hangs heavy over Werner Herzog's treatment of the Dracula story. Frequently misjudged, but the striking moments ultimately win, and Klaus Kinski makes a memorably cadaverous blood-

FELLINI'S CASANOVA (CBS/Fox, 18): Opulent but morose treatment of the libertine's life and loves (a mechanical doll among them), with Donald Sutherland. Not one of Fellini's more persuas extravaganzas. 1976.

THE GREEN MAN (Warner, U): Delightful farcical thriller from the Launder-Gilliat team, with George Cole as a vacuum-cleaner salesman who accidentally thwarts Alastair Sim's assassination plans.

KAGEMUSHA (CBS/Fox, PG): Kurosawa's majestic spic from 1980, centred on the fate of a thief groomed as the double of a 16thcentury warlord. Overwhelming in the cinema, though it inevitably shrivels on video. RAN (CBS/Fox, 15):

King Lear seen through Kurosawa's visionary eyes, with Tatsuya Nakadai as an old, fraught king in a cold, crumbling universe. Grandiose drama with battles, apocalyptic sights, and excellent music by Toru Takemitsu. 1986.

How to project your reel self

It is simple enough to learn your trade as a novelist or A playwright: you live, you suck the end of your pencil, and you write. The difficulty comes in surviving financially. But what if the goal is to create feature films? This involves lights, cameras, sound equipment, an editing bench, laboratory costs. Unless one intends going the avant-garde route - making studies in the contemplation of one's navel - it also requires co-workers: actors, technicians, clapper boys, and all the other flora and fanna listed in a film's screed of credits. One way to take the plunge

would be to attend BP Expo 90, an eight-day festival sponsored by British Petroleum, beginning tomorrow in London at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith (box office, 01-748 3354). For the second year running, the event gathers together the cream of international student films and video. There are trade stands, seminars on all aspects of the industry, and visits from assorted luminaries. Some brave souls will be bringing work from their own film school days, including Istvan Szabo from Hungary, Canada's Atom Egoyan, and Shaji Karun, the Indian director of Piravi. The youngest directors dipping

into their past are a talented Scottish duo from the National Film and Television School: lan Sellar, who directed last year's fetching Venus Peter, and Gillies MacKinnon, whose brilliant first feature, Conquest of the North Pole, awaits commercial release. Both their graduation films deal with deaths in the family: student film-makers like to demonstrate they are serious. Sellar's Albert's Memorial, made in 1985, is a neatly mounted tale of a workingclass widow coming to terms with herself and her late Albert; though it is MacKinnon's 1986 film Passing Glory - a pungent drama about the death of a feisty Communist grandmother - that impresses most with its confidence

Geoff Brown advises aspiring film-makers and anyone who is interested in cinema

to visit Expo 90, a festival of student

films opening in London tomorrow

With hindsight, however, student films can only give a mixed indication of achievements to come. Szabo's 1961 short Concert - in which three lads carry a piano around town - intimates a vein of lyrical surrealism hardly present in Mephisto and the like. On the other hand, Polanski's Two Men and a Wardrobe (1958) - two men carrying a wardrobe around town - flung down his credentials as a hard-edged absurdist. There are also early films whose brilliant promise led nowhere: where are the successors to Philip Trevelyan's haunting study of rural eccentricity, The Moon and the Sledgehammer, one of the most original British films of the early

Exploring first films, it is best to tread carefully. There are skeletons in closets. No-one, for instance, would wish to judge Francis Coppola by Tonight for Surel, or The Playgirls and the Bellboy, or other pornography cheerfully undertaken while a student at the University of South Carolina. Fans of Ridley Scott's sleek designer angst might become impatient with Boy and Bicycle, a half-hour short made in 1965 for the British Film Institute's Production Board, in which a roaming camera follows a boy, and his bike, as he plays truent in North Shields.

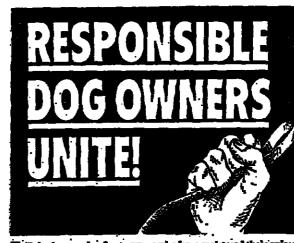
Yet whatever the achievement,

directors' first efforts are always a

source of fascination. The best thing about student film-making is that all modes of expression seem open; it is only later that expediency or necessity begin shutting doors. In Martin Scorsese's student films, made at New York University in the mid 1960s, you can almost see the young director gobbling up film history, fighting through a forest of influences from Fellini to the comedy routines of Mel Brooks - to forge his own personal style. On one level, It's Not Just You, Murray! a 15-minute short presenting the life and thoughts of Murray, a smart, shady operator inordi-nately proud of his flashy tie and car, would seem to be a plain gangster lampoon. But the pulse of New York's mean streets is everpresent, paving the way for the celebrated films to come. Individual talent can flicker

into life no matter what the restrictions. An early Ken Russell short like Amelia and the Angel (1958) may well have a homegrown look: no dialogue, natural ighting, tracking shots taken with hand-held camera perilously clutched from a car or wheelchair. Yet from modest resources Russell carved a curiously touching tale about a schoolgirl (played by the daughter of Uruguay's London ambassador) seeking after angel's wings to replace a damaged pair needed for a school production. Russell's innate romanticism and talent for choreographing action are on copious display; at the time, the editor of Amateur Movie Maker called the film "the nearest approach to a masterpiece that any amateur has vet made.

Who knows, then, what talent will be uncovered among the student films at Expo 90? No doubt there will be more deaths and funerals. There may be dour accounts of families on the breadline; slick genre pieces consciously designed as the director's entrée into TV drama; two or three people carrying, say, a lamp-post; or, with luck, there may be some precious, iconoclastic fireworks.



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THEATRE

LONDON

the BLOOD BROTHERS: Willy Russell's sentimental musicalt separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kird Dee as their mother.

Alberty Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-967 1115). Tube: Lelcester Sq. Monset 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £8.90-£18.50. (D) ★ HARD TIMES: Dickens's Coketown

novel effectively adapted by Stephen Jeffreys and staged by Robin Herford for the London Shakespeere Group. Werehouse Theatre, Dingwalf Rd. Croydon (01-680 4060). Train: East Croydon (BR). Tuss-Sat 8pm; mat Sun 5pm, £4.50-£5.50. (Thurs bargain night, £2.751.

A LIFE IN THE THEATRE Denholm Ellott and Samuel West in Mamer's study of an old actor and his ambitious junior: the players stronger than the

strand Theatre, Aktwych, WC2 (01-836 2660), Tube: Covent Garden. Tues-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun 4.30pm, 59-2:6-50.

★ LONDON ASSURANCE: Paul ★ LONDON ASSURANCE: Paul Eddington an arrusing ageing beau, with Angela Thorne in otherwise so-so production from Chichester. Theatre Royal, Haymarket SW1 (01-930 9832), Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Thurs 3-5.10pm and Sat 4.4.10pm. 28-216. (D) Sat 4-6.10pm, 26-£16. (D)

* MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM: A MA RAMET'S BLACK BOTTOM: August Wilson's play about black musicians being ripped off in 1927 Chicago transfers from the National Theatre for a two-week season. Hackney Enghre, 291 Mare St. E8 (01-985 2424). Train: Hackney Central (BR). Tonight and temorrow and Feb S-9. 7.30pm, £7-£10.

☆ NOEL AND GERTIE: Patricia Hodge and Simon Cadell spar, sing and dance in Sheridan Morley's trip down Memory Lane.
Comedy Theatre, Panton St. London
SW1 (01-830 2578). Tube: Piccadility
Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.45pm, mats
Wed 3pm, Sat 8pm. 25.50-216.

THE PRICE: Welcome revival of Arthur Miller's fine play where two brothers discover their dead father's character and their own: with 800 Peok, David Caider and Alan MacNaughtan. Young Vic Theetre, 66 The Cut, SE1 (31-928 6363). Tutte: Waterloo.



Racing Demon, the new play by David Hare (above) previewing from today (see listings), is his seventh to be staged at the National Theatre - or six and a half if you allow for Howard Brenton's co-authorship of Pravda. Its subject is the Church of Eogland, focusing on a south London parish where the vicar (Oliver Ford Davies) is not making much sense of his mission. Unlike Pravda, perceived as an acid portrait of a certain newspaper magnate, this play is in Hare's warmer and more comic manner.

★ RACING DEMON: See picture. National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-828 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Previews from tonight 7.30pm, Opens Feb 8, 7pm, then in repertoire, 28.50.

* SIDE POCKETS: Burt Cassar directs now play set in a Hartern pool hall in the summer of 1938 while Joe Louis Rights Max Schmeling in the Yantee Stadium. Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Sq. E15 (01-534 0310). Tube: Stratford. Previews from tonight Born, opens Feb 5, 7-30pm, then Mon-Sat Spm, 23-210.

* ST MARK'S GOSPEL: Alec McCowen returns with his moving and remarkable memory-feat, speaking the entire gospel. Helf Moon Thestre, 213 Mile End Rd, E1

(01-790 4000), Tube: Stepney Green. Tues-Sat 7.30pm; mat Sun 2.30pm, Tues-Thurs and Sun mat 25.50, Fri and Sat 26.50. LONG RUNNERS:

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OUT OF TOWN

LEICESTER: * Naked: Prandello's wry play about a woman (Valerie Gogan) who tries in vain to become a romantic nerone. Haymarket Studio Theetre, Beigrave Gate (0533 539797), Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £5.

LIVERPOOL: 1x Tons of Money: Ayokbourn's NT version of the Aldwych farce in which very complicated problems follow a scheme to grab an

Playhouse, Williamson Sq (051 709 8363), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm, 21-27.50. SHEFFIELD: 🛧 See Monkeys: New play from David Pumford traps two men in a master-servant compact fuelled by

Crucible Studio Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mori-Sat 7.45pm, 24.

FILMS

Also on national release
 Advance booking possible

AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS (PG): In AU REVORT LES ERFANTS (PISF Louis Malle's moving, semi-autoblographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of the Second World War Gaspard Manasse heads the young, non-professional cast (107 min). Cannon Presiders (01-439 4470), Progs 2 10 4 3n 7 no 9 25. 2.10, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25. SE BACK TO THE FUTURE IF (PG):

Eriloyably artic but over-ingenious sequel to the 1985 hit, with Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd zipping to-and-fro through the time spectrum; directed as before by Robert Zemeckia (108 mich.) (106 min): Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

CASUALTIES OF WAR (18): American casual. Ties OF WAR (18): American stroctises in Vistnam, viewed with more thought than usual by director Brisn De Palma; with Michael J Fox as the soldier standing spart from the brust antics of Sean Penn.
Odeon Kanaington (01-802 6644).
Progs 12.40, 3.20, 6.00, 8.40.

Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.10, 5.30, 8.00. 12.55, 3.25, 6.06, 8.35. Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 11.00, 1.35, 4.10, 6.50, 9.20.

CAT CHASER (18): High-octane version of an Emore Leonard firelier, with Peter Weller as a Florida hoteller sucted into a plot to rob a gangster of hidden money. With Kelly McGills; director Abal Ferraro (93 mins). Progs 1.55, 4.00, 6.05, 8.15, 10.20.

THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE THE COOK, THE THERP, HS WIFE
AMDHER LOVER (18): Peter
Greenaway's bold, mordant tale of love,
revenge and haute cutsine. With Richard
Bohiringer (the cook), Alichael Gembon
(the thist), Helen Mirren (the wife) and
Alan Howard (her lover) (120 min).
Casson Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs
2.00, 5.00, 8.00.

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In speech and song

Lostano, the ever enterprising, never predictable contemporary music ensemble, surprises London again in its latest music-theatre offering: a double-bill of works by Vic Hoyland and Maurice Ohans, to be presented at the Lilian Baylis Theatre in Islington tonight, to-morrow and Saturday at 7.45pm. The Hoyland piece, a world premiere, is a monodrama called La Madre, based on Dario Po's play The Workers Enows 300 Words, The Boss Knows 1000 - That's Why He's The Boss. The matter is the Mafia and the hardships of Sicilian life; the manner is speech and song, which enables the music to run parallel to the text, reinforcing its own rhythmic intensity. Hoyland wrote the piece for Linda Hirst and it is she who takes up the monologue of the mother of Michele La Lanzone, the woman who relives her husband's death at the hands of the matia. Obana's opera, Trois Contes de l'Honorable Fleur, written in 1978 for the Aviguon Festival, takes Japanese legends for its inspiration and is influenced by the composer's own la Martinez conducts both operas.
Lilian Baylis Theatre, Sadler's
Wells, Rosebery Avenae, London
EC1 (01-278 8916), tonight, tomorrow and Saturday, 7.45pm,
£4.50.
Hilary Finch



Linda Hirst: Hoyland wrote the work which premieres this week for her

DANCE

☆ PIAF: Creation by Alfonso Caté for Ballet du Nord from Roubax, France,

with Balanchine's Seranade. Derngate Theatre, Guildinal Rd. Northampson (0804 24811), 7.30pm, £3.50-£10.

☆ DOUBLES: Premiere by Rambert Dance Company of Cunningham's work. Birmingham Rep, Broad St (021 236 4455), 7.30pm, £4.50-29.

CONCERTS

R Walles, Y STHAUSS: The Westory named "Arrogans Genius" series devosed to Richard Strauss's music resumes with Visclimik Ashkenazy conducting the RPO in the Rosenhavaller Suite, Four Last Songs (Maria Ewing, soprano) and excerpta from Parallel by the other Richard (Manner, that ki)

(Wagner, that is). Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, 54.50-520.

* FROM WESTMINSTER: Andrew

Lumsden, sub-organist at Westminster Abbey, plays Bach's Partita BWV 788, Trio Sonata BWV 525 and Toccats and Fugue BWV 640, Mozart's Fantasia K 594, Avison's Dinajor Concerto and Pleterszoon Sweelinck's Variations on

Mein junges Leben hat ein End. German Christ Church, 19 Montpeller Place, London SW7 (01-840 4127).

E DEAD CALM (15): Powerful
Australian thritier, with Sam Nelli and
Nicole Kidman as the yachting couple
trying to flee from a deranged killer on
the open seas. Directed by Philip Noyos;
with Billy Zane (97 min).
at Warner West End (01-439 0791) Prog
8.35.

M DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG): Flery The DEAU POETS SOURCE IT (TAIL FROM portrait of modern youth from director Peter Well, with Robin Williams as an English teacher who instills his pupils with a dangerous love of poetry (128)

rann. Capaca Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 6.25, 9.15. Carmon Penton St (01-330 0631). Progs 1.45, 4.20, 7.05, 9.45. Screen on Batter Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.55, 6.50, 8.30.

III THE DELINQUENTS (12): A routine story of defiant teenagers in the Fittles with Kylie Minogue (90 min). Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.20. as Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 8.05.

THE RIGHT THING (18): Spike Lee's militant entertainment about racial tension on a boiling hot day in Brooklyn, with Danny Aleito and Ossie Davis (120 min). **2: Empire (**01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30.

THE DREAM TEAM (13): Madcap. occasionally tasteless, adventures of four mental hospital patients let loose on Manhastan. With Michael Keaton and Peter Boyle; directed by Howard Zieff (113 min). Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45.

EARTH GIRLS ARE EASY (PG): A EARTH GBRLS ARE EAST (PIG: A spaceship eager for female delights crashes in Los Angeles: cue for a wild, rude, modish musical comedy from Absolute Beginners director Julien Temple. With Genera Davis, Jeff Goldburn (100 mins).

Cannon Oxford Street (01-630 0310).

Progs 1.00, 3.35, 6.00, 8.35.

FELLOW TRAVELLER (15): Michael PELLOW TRAVELLER (15): Michael Eason's intriguing drama about the blackins era, directed by Philip Saville, with Hart Bochmer and Ron Silver as Hollywood radicals variously coping with the McCartry rightmane (86 mins). Cannon Tottomham Court Road (01-835 6148). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.15, 8.25. 25 Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.45, 4.45, 8.45, 8.45.

El FELD OF DREAMS (PG): Overly cosy Americana, with Kevin Costner as a farmer encouraged by a celestial voice to use his comfield for a baseball pitch. Directed by Phil Alden Robinson (106

Burnon Fulham Road (01-970 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.15, 9.00. Cennon Haymarket (01-639 1527). Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), Progs 1.25, 3.50, 6.15, 8.45.

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☆ MONTEVERDI MUSICKE: The Consort of Musicke performs Items by Monteverdi seld to "display an almost Weston virtuosity."
Wigmore Hall, 35 Wigmore St, London
WI (01-935 2141), 7,30pm, £3-£12.

☆ FAMILY OUTING: in various combinations Paul and Maud Torteller (cellos) and their daughter Maria de la Pau (piano) offer sulties by Popper and Bach, a sonate by Handel, Schumann's Fantasiestücke Op 73, Torteller's Alla Mauria ноум Hall, King's Rd, Harrogate (0423 564433), 8рт., 24-£10.

* BOB AND PSAPPHA: Conducted by is BOB AND PSAFFHA: Conducted by Roy Stratford, London New Music give us Barry's Bob, Xenalds's Psappha, Birtwistle's Linoi, Cagye's Cheap Initation plus the UK premiere of Cowell's nine-movement Plano Trio and the world premiere of Fox's Stone, Wind, Rein, Sur. Purcell Room, South Benk, London SE1 (01-928 9800), 8pm, £4-50.

OPERA

the Royal Opera by Andrei Serban now, alsa, without its full quota of dancers, but with Bernard Haitink conducting a resonant Russian cast led by Sergal Leffertus.

1066), 6.30-10.30pm, £4-£90.

* FAUST: Strong revival of lan Judge's production of Gounod's opera for English National Opera, nicely poised between the humorous and the harrowing. Arthur Device, John

Covert Garden, London WC2 (01-240

JAZZ

★ TOMMY CHASE: The drumme bend serves up no-nonsense hard bop for the dence crowd.

Double Sess, 162 Earls Court Rd,
London SW5 (01-835 2021), 9.30pm,
26.50.

★ FLORA PURIM & AIRTO: Up-beet Lath fusion, plus support from saxophonist Steve Williamson. Rosmie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St. London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, 210 (mambers £2). To Feb 10.

* ANDY PARK: Back from a long stint as a television producer (Tutti Frutti, amongst others), the keyboards player leads an eight-piece featuring saxophonist Bobby Wishart.
Henry Wood Hell, Claremont St, Glasgow (041 221 5496), doors open 7.30pm, £5 on door.

☆ DICK MORRISEY: A night off from Morrisey-Muller Band for the versatile soul-jezz saxophonist. Band On The Wall, Swan St.

Manchester (061 832 6625), doors open 8.30pm, 23. A STAN TRACEY: Monk-inspired or STAN THACE T: MOTR-ITS productions from the plants's octet. featuring baselst Roy Babbrigton. The Dorset Room, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Rd (0202 685222), Spm, \$4.75.

* KENNY WHEELER: Closing date of the trumpater's Arts Council tour, with a big band bulk around the nucleus of his regular quinter. Theathe Royal, Jewry St. Winchester (0962 843434), 7.45pm, 25-26.

ROCK.

BARRY MANILOW: The perennial crooner with a spectacular Broadway musical, loosely based on the story of ns les. London Palledium, 8 Argyll St. W1 (01-437 7373), 7.30pm, £25-£75, and for saven more nights.

☆ THE SUNDAYS: Indie favourities from stol whose Reading, Writing and thrests debut shot in to the chart last week at No. 4, a starting achievement even allowing for the current soft state of the market. Riverside, 57-59 Melbourne St. Newcastle (091 261 4366), 7.30pm,

ERIC CLAPTON: England's senior blues-rock guitarist on striking form by all accounts. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-689 8212), 7.30pm, £18.50-£17.50, and for six more nights.

☆ THE ALARIH: Wales's biggest rock export continues to celebrate a romantic notion of its cettic heritage, but the current single, "Love Don't Come Easy" (No.53 with a builed; sounds tailor-made for the American market.
De Mondord Hall, Granville Road, Laicester (0533 544444) 7.30pm, 27-£8.

GALLERIES

ART 90: A four-day fair in which British galleries show off their prize artists. Business Pesign Centre, Upper St. London N1 (01-359 3535), Thurs-Sat 11sm-8pm, Sun 11sm-7pm, free, until

THE INDEPENDENT GROUP: Works by Paolozzi, Hamilton and other proto-Pop artists who hung around the ICA in the 1950s. Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-830 3847), daily noon-8pm, £1, until April 4.

CONTENPORARY GRAPHICS: Works by John Keene, Bert Irvin and John Loker are included. Curusen Gallery, 4 Windmill St, London W1 (01-85) 1459), Mon-Fri 10sm-5.30pm, Sat 10.30am-1pm, free, until Feb 24.

RAIN FOREST ART: Paintings by many consemporary artists, such as Adrian Berg and Rose Warmock, which draw attendon to the destruction of tropical ratio forests. Natural History Massum, Cromwell Rd, London SW7 (01-838 8895), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1-6pm, 22.50, until Feb

THE ART OF THE PRINT, PART 1: Old Master etchings, engravings and woodcuts from the 15th to 18th

Hunterian Art Gallery, The University, Hillhead, Glasgow (041 330 5431), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm, Sat 9.30am-1pm, free, until Merch S.

PAUL NASH'S PLACES: Paintings, drawings and photographs which explore this tendecape artist's fascination for the same few modifs in fascination for me a southern England. Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen St, Exeter (0392 56742), Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until Feb 11.

JUDITH COWAN: New works in copper and cast fron by a sculptor of forms derived from floral and organic sources. Oriel Gallery, The Friary, Cardiff (0222 385548), Mon-Sat 9am-5.30pm, free,

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WISHING YOU WELL: National photographic exhibition organized on benefit of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. The exhibition provides a unique record of explicition provious a unaque record of the day-to-day running of the hospital with 80 separate images, four or five from each photographer, including work by Don McCullin, Terence Donovan, David Belley and Flona Pragott. Bethaal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Rd, London, E2, Until Feb 25 (Info: 01-981 1711).

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT: Opening day of an exhibition about the many forms of entertainment in contemporary culture – from cinema, thesites, concert hall and coffee but to circus and zoo, plus examples of sound and video recordings. Old Grammer School, South Church Side, Hull, Humberside. Until Feb 28, 10am-5pm, Sun 1.30-4.30pm, free.

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CHRISTIE'S SALES: Three today, all at 2pm; British and Continental ceramics and glass, English and Victorian pictures and doffs. Christie's South Kenaington, 85 Old Brompton Rd, London SW7-(01-581-7611).

TALKS

GALLERY LECTURE: Charles Lamb by Paul Webb. National Portrait Gallery, Room 13, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-93) 1552), 1.10pm, free.

UNIVERSITY OPEN LECTURE: N. Torrents talks on Hollywood and the Maxican Revolution. University College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower Street, London WC1, 1.15cm, free.

MUSEUM TALK: A workshop on the Reserve Collection of the Museum. Today, the Vehicle Collection. Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2, 1.10pm, free.

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A WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Mest Baker Street tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL OPERA: Booleng for March for Otello by Eliah Moshinsky with Vladimir Atlantov in title role; new production of Elektra by Götz Friedrich conducted by Sotti with Eva Marton in title role; and Donizetti's L'Elisir d'amore with Pavaretti.

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DON GIOVANNE: Opera Factory/London Sinfonietts perform with Omer Ebrahim and Marie Angel. Cheises Opera Group performs Strauss's Daphne, in German. South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-926 8800). Advance booking open. General booking Feb 6.

LAST CHANCE

BILL WOODROW: Points of entry: Bronzes, shown with poems by Seline Hill. Ends Sun. Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Fid, London SE1 (01-736 8922).

W.R. SICKERT: Paintings and drawings, 1880-1943, using photos and ephemeral material in his composition. Ends Sun. Tate Gallery, Liverpool (051 709 0131). Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films:

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mening it up: Nigel Planer mounts an eventful rescue mission (BBC2, 9.00pm)

 As someone who would happily trade Edmondson and company for two minutes of Les Dawson, I am commending The Comic Strip Presents...
(BBC2, 9.00pm) in the knowledge that millions will disagree. And rather than go on about gifted people (also involved tonight are Nigel Planer, Robbie Coltrane and Lenny Henry) squandering their comic talent in raucous horse-play, I will simply tell you the team's opening escapade (continued next week) involves French and Saunders as ornithologists trapped on the Falkland Islands as Argentina's General Galtieri decides to re-invade. Enter Planer as a radio ham who calls in Edmondson and friends to mount an eventful rescue mission.

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7.00 Commonwealth Games Today.
Desmond Lynam presents highlights of today's events in Aucidand, including men's and women's athletics finels, boxing, badminton, bowls, cycling, gymnestics, judo and shooting.
8.00 EastEnders. Denny receives an uitimatum and must make the choice hatween his wife and children or

unimatum and music make the choice between his wife and children or Michelle. (Ceefax)

8.30 key to December. Alec and Zoe brave the storm when they prepare to tell their respective families that they intend to move in together.

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erring Anton Rodgers and Eve Matheson. (Cestax)
9.00 Mine O'Clock News with Michael
Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 One Foot in the Grave. Margaret's
enthusiasm for Victor's new-found

enthusiasm for Victor's new-found interest in nucle painting doesn't fast fong after he gives the model a lift home and she offers him a pert-time job. Starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie.

Question Time. Joining Peter Sissons around the table tonight are Robin Cook, MP, Shadow Minister for Health; Pauline Perry, director of South Bank

Minister for Health; Pauline Penry, director of South Bank Polytechnic; Beroness Trumpington, Agriculture Minister; and writer and journalist Anthony Sampson.

European Figure-Stating Championships. British champion Emma Mundoch from Solihuli and 17-year-old Andrea Law from Blackpool are among the skaters in the ladles' free programme from Leningrad. Followed by Weather.

I Commonwealth Games. Stave Rider introduces tonight's coverage of the Games in Auckland, with seven golds to be won in athletics. The commentators are David Coleman, Ron Pickering and Brendan Foster. Plus bowls,

Brendan Foster. Plus bowls, badminton, judo and shooting

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TELEVISION & RADIO

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Keily. With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After hine includes

Claire Rayner with advice on emotional and personal problems.

9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Live topical discussion programme

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes Charlotte Plimmer with advice on home security for the elderly; Dr Chris Steele on how to stay healthy; and there is a feature on crystals, the current craze in the United States, said to help both physical and spiritual well-being. National and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55

10.35 and regoral news at 11.35 followed by national weather
12.10 The Riddlers 12.30 Home and Away. Frank and Bobby have a serious disagreement which leads to an ultimatum.
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Thames News and watter

1.30 Wish You Were Here . . ? Another Wish You were Here . . . ? Another chance to see Monday's programm featuring Cyprus, the Scilly Isles and environmentally-friendly holidays. (Oracle) 2.00 A Country Practice. Drama set in and around the health centre of a rural Australia community. Mondin Vellandin Vellandin

the health centre of a rural
Australian community, Wandin Valley
3.00 Win, Lose or Draw, Garne show
hosted by Danny Baker 3.25
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drama focusing on the troubled
lives of the Hamilton and Palmer

4.00 Hot Dog with Marcus Clarke 4.15

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4.40 Press Gang, Sarah's story about
a stolen wood carving triggers off
memories and nightmares for
Lynda. Meanwhile, Colin and Spike
are batting for Ruby's affections. (Oracle) 5.10 Blockbusters. Quiz game for

south-formers 5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather

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6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Themes News and weather
6.50 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley
with news of Hormone Replacement
Therapy to help women through
the menopause
7.00 Entmendate. Joe and Kate are off
on their much-needed second
homesmon

honeymoon 7.30 Survival: Night Hunters. Britain's polecats 8.00 The Bill: Michael Runs the Family Now. Michael Lovett may run a business which is totally above board, but he has one or two less-than-legal sidelines which Sun Hill's DI Burnside is keen to stamp

out. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: The Man Who Ruined
Ferranti. How American James Guerlin nearly brought down one of Britain's biggest defence

or Entrain's biggest defence companies

9.00 The Adventures of Sherlock Holtage: The Resident Patient starring Jeremy Brett. One of Doctor Trevelyan's patients lives in fear of his life. Trevieyan calls in Holtage to help solve the matter.

fear of his life. Travleyan calls in Holmes to help solve the mystary (r). (Cracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather

10.35 The City Programme examines the Sky v BSB battle and includes an interview with the Sky chief

Rupert Murdoch
11.05 01- for London. A critical guide to the capital's entertainments scene. Followed by Crimestoppers

Championships. Coverage of the ladies championship final in Leningrad. Followed by News headlines oner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's

prison
1.30 Superstars of Wrestling
2.15 News headlines followed by Film:
Maisie (1939 b/w) starring Ann
Sothern, Robert Young and Ruth
Hussay. The story of a brassy
showgirl with a heart of gold.
Directed by Edwin L. Marin
3.40 Profites of Hall and Oates
4.00 News headlines followed by
Three's Company. Comedy series
4.30 America's Top Yen
5.00 ITN Morning News with Christabel
King. Ends at 6.00

8.15 Westminater 9.00 Coefex
9.20 Daytime on Two: history of the
Black Country 9.40 An altercation
10.00 Business and economics
10.20 Science challenge 10.40
Spanning a divide 11.00 Tropical
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abuse 12.50 Science: friction 1.20
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2.00 News and weather followed by an introduction to brass instruments
2.15 Antiques Roadshow (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westmirater Live. Includes Prime Minister's Question Time 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Centemoral. With host Paul Cola.
4.30 Behind the Headlines with Paul Boateng and Jeffrey Archer. A discussion on the future of nuclear power

nuclear power

5.00 Dewn Raga. Dawn on the Ganges
by Benares (r)

5.10 Horizon: From Earth to Miranda

(r). (Ceefax)
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6.00 Firm: Found Money (1983) starring
Dick Van Dyke and Sid Caesar. A
made-for-television comedy
about Max, who is forced to retire from his executive position in a New York bank. He decides to exact

New York bank. He decides to exact revenge by using his computer skills to obtain money from the bank and giving it to the local needy. Directed by Bill Persky

7.30 Widewords: The Lest Hunters.
The whale-hunting Eskimo community of Kivalina, Alaska

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8.20 Notes in the Margin 1980-88. An investigation by Rosalind Coward into the politics of nature
9.00 The Comic Strip Presents... South Atlantic Raiders (see Choice)
9.30 40 Minutes: Hilary's in Hiding. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.10 Screeni flay Firsts: Fotofinish, by Sonke Wortmann. An unsuccessful photo-journalist with an eight-year-old daughter hits upon a plan which will revive his flagging fortunes

fortunes

10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show includes a history
of the robot 11.55 Weather
12.00 Behind the Headines. See 4.30
12.30am Weekend Outlook. A preview of Open University programmes. Ends at 12.40

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6.00 The Channel Four Delty 9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Delty, Financial and
business news sentice presented by

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2.00 European Figure Starting
Championables from Leningrad,
introduced by Nick Owen

3.00 Equinat: New York! New York!
Profiles of people who work in New
York's service industries (f)

4.00 Not an Sunday presented by
Brian Redihead.

4.30 Countdown, Richard Whiteley

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(Oracle)

6.00 Club X-tra introduces the latest dance crazes -- tea dances and lindy

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6.30 Kate and Alie. Cornedy series
starring Susan Seint James and Jane
Curtin (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow
and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Coament followed by Weather.
8.00 Painters to the People.
Christopher Wood examines the
school of Victorian painters
fascinated by classical themes.
8.30 Brass. Austin is assured of victory
in the local by-election until Charlotte

in the local by-election until Charlotte finds an alternative Labour

finds an atternative Labour candidate (r)

9.00 Traffik. Episode five of the award-winning drug-running serial (r).

(Oracle)

10.00 True Stories: Hoxsey — Quacks
Who Care Cancer? Tonight's documentary investigates the politics of healing. Many believe that Harry Hoxsey, an atternative doctor, has a cure for cancer but he is constantly fighting to be is constantly fighting to be accepted by the medical authorities. The film examines his clinic in

Mexico
11.40 Sumo. Japanese wrestiing series
12.10 mm Film: The Stain (1985). An
award-winning Soviet-made drama
about a drug-taking, carefree,
Bob Dylan-obsessed student who, as
a joke, bets one million cigars at
the toss of a coin. He loses and finds
himself in debt to the local
Georgian underward. Directed by

Georgian underworld. Directed by Aleko Tsabadze. Ends at 1.45

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SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00 am International Business Report
5.30 European Business Channel 6.00
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Frank Bough 11.30 International Business
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Parliament Live 4.30 NBC Today
5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30
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Nightly News 12.30 am Frank Bough
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SKY MOVIES From 8.00am The Shopping Channel 2.00pm Flight 90: Disaster on the Potomac (1984): Air-disaster movie, based on a real incident 4.00 The Jetsons meet the Flintstones: The prehistoric family meets a crazy family The prehistoric family meets a crazy familitrom outer space
6.00 Made in Heaven (1987): Two lost souls search the Earth for each other
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Monty Python Live at the
Hollywood Bowl (1982): Classic Python sketches filmed on stage
9.40 Projector: Forthcoming movies on Sky

Sky 16.00 Deadly Pursuit (1988): Two cops (Sidney Politier and Tom Berenger) trail a psychotic killer into the Canadian

11.45 Angels from Hell (1968): A gang of outlaw Vietnam vets run riot in California of ottaw Vernam vers run not in Camorisa
1.15am I, the Jury (1982): Armand
Assante assumes the Mike Hammer mantle
4.00 Escape to Victory (1981): Wartime
escape movie in which PoWs form a footbell
team to disguise their breakout. Ends at
5.55am

EUROSPORT

5.00cm International Business Report
5.30 European Business Charmel 6.00 DJ
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10.00 Football 12.00 European Figure
Skating Championship 3.00pm World
Championship of Motor Sport 4.00
Commonwealth Games 5.00 European Figure Skating Championships 7.00 Mobil Motor Sports News 8.00 Basketball 10.00 Ford Snow Report 10.03 Commonwealth Games 11.00 Football

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SCREENSPORT

7.00cm Powersports 8.00 Athletics 9.30 Sport on France 10.00 Spanish Soccer 11.45 ice Speedway 12.45pm Boxing 2.15 ice Hockey 4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 1989 Indoor Supercross 7.30 Hodge Areastiche Festival 8.00 7.30 Update; Argentinian Football 9.15 Pro Bowlers 11.30 Spanish Socost 12.15am Spain Spain Sport 12.30 US Pro

10.00am Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Slim Cooking 10.55 Spain Spain Holiday 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm Style File 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.10 Cinema 4.45 Great American Gemeshows 4.45 Great American Gameshows

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Name on the half-hour from
4.50pm until 4.50pm, then at
7.39, 6.30 and 10,00pm
8.00pm Jukit Brambles 4.30
Simon Mayo 8.30 Simon Bates
12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45
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the Afternoon 8.30 News 30
6.80 Mark Goodler 7.30 Phillip
Schofield 2.30 John Peel
18.08 Nicky Campbell 12.002.60pm Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

PM Stereo and MW
News on the hour.
Hearlines 5.30ems, 6.30,
7.30, 8.30
4.00em News; Sport 4.05
Aim Lester 8.30 David Allen 7.30
Derek Jerneson 9.30 Ken
Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young
1.00em David Jacobs 2.00
Gloria Humitlord 3.30 Adrian Love
8.05 John Dunn 2.00 Wally
Whyton with the best in country
music 9.05 Paul Jones
Including a session from Snatch It
Back 16.00 Pull the Other One!
10.30 The Houghton Weavers
11.00 Round Midnight 1.05
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6.55em Weather and News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert Raff (Steleplatte, Op. 188; W. Morring Concert Ham: (Sinfonistia, Op 188: Wind Players of Swiss Radio Orchestra under Leopoldo Casella); Rachmaninov (Before My Window, Op 26 No 10; The Fountains, Op 26 No 11: Elisabeth Söderströ Söderström, soprano, Viscimir Ashkenazy, piano)

7.30 Moming Concert (cont):
Warlock (Serenade for Strings: Assdemy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Martiner);
Griffes (Foem: Eastman-Rochester Orchestra under Heusert Herson with Howard Hanson, with Joseph Mariano, flute); Saint-Saëns (Symphony No 3: Boston SC under Charles Munch, with Berj Zemkochian, organ, Leo Litwin and Bernard Zighera,

8.35 Composers of the Weelc Alan Rewethome and Malcolm Williamson. Malcoim Willamson.
Rawsthome (String Quartet
No 3: Alberta String Quartet;
Canzonet: Exuitate Singers
under Garrett O'Brien);
Williamson (Trio for violin, Williamson (Trio for violin, cello and piano "in Memory of Sir Arthur Bilss": Western Arts Trio; Cantata, Procession of Palmis: Worcester Festival Choral Society; Worcester Cathedral Choir under Donald Hunt; Vision of Christ, Phoenic: Allan Wirks, organ of Coventry

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9.38 Beethoven: Cleveland
Orchestra under Lorin Mazzel performs Symphony No 1 in C

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10.05 Czech Quintets: Allegri
String Quartet, with Sarah
Francis, oboe, Rochey
Statford, double-bess,
performs Reicha (Quintet in
F for oboe and strings, Op
107); Ovořítk (String Quintet
in G. Op 77)

11.10 BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestra under Jerzy
Maksymtut, with Oleg
Kagam, violin, performs
Shchedrin (Stikhira);
Beethoven (Vlotin Concerto
in D); Bartók (Concerto for
Orchestra)

in D); Bartók (Concerto for Orchestra)

1.00pes News

1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime
Concert: Live from Studio One, Pebble Atti. Mark Lubctsky, violin, Borls
Bermen, plano, perform Weber (Sonata No 3 in D minor, Op 10); Brahms (Sonata No 2 in A, Op 100); Schmittie (Sonata No 2 "Quasi una sonata")

RADIO 3

2.00 BBC Symphony Crchestra under Howard Williams performs Edward Gregaon (Metamorphoses); Geoffray Burgon (Gending)
2.25 Le Postillon de Lonjumeau:
An opera in altree acts, by Adolphe Adam. Chapelou and Madeleine have just married in Lonjumeau. and Madeleine have just married in Lonjumeau. When the director of the Paris Opera hears Chapelou singing, he offers him a job in Paris, leaving Madeleine in the revenue.

in Paris, leaving Macalishs to plot her revenge.
Performed by the Suisse Romanda Orchestra under Patrick Fournillier; Grand Theatre Geneva Chorus, with Jorge Lopez-Yanez, tenor, as Chapelou, Donna Roman screens. Brown, somenou, boths Brown, someno. as Madeleine, Matrice Sleyes, tenor, René Massis, bartione, Leonard Graus, bass, Incl 2.20 Interval Reading 5.00 London Forteplano Trio perform Clementi (Sonata in

perform Clementi (Sonata in D, Op 27 No 2); Haydin (Trio in C minor, H XV 13) (r) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Brian Kay 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Paul Balley in The carried and the conversation with author Philip Callow, whose novel The Painter's Confessions is his first for nearly 10

7.30 BBC Philharmonic Concert: 7.30 BBC Philharmonic Concert:
The BBC Philharmonic
under Kurt Sanderling: BBC
Northern Singers under
Stephen Willdinson, with
Annette Markert, mezzosoprano, perform Brahms
(Atio Rhapsody): Bruckner
(Symptony No 7 in E)
8.55 A Russian Beauty, by
Vadimir Nebokov. The year
is 1916. What will be waiting
for Olga when she arrives in
Berlin on a fight from
Moscow? Read by Hugh
Dickson

9,10 Melsen and Granados: The

9.10 Melsen and Granados: The pianist Yitkin Seow performs Nielsen (Humorsske-Bagatelles, Op 11; Three Pieces, Op 59 -; Granados (Los requiebros; El pelele "Goyescas")

9.40 King Cutler IV: Phylis King and Ivor Cutler with more poems, songs and stories

10.10 Music in Our Time: Howard Riley, piano, Elton Dean, saxello/alto/sexophone, Mario Catronari, bass and Tony Marsh, drums with improvisations in solo, duo and trio contexts and trio contexts
Composers of the Week:
Robert Schumann (Davids-bundlertänze, Op 6;
Faschingsshwank aus Wien

12.00 News 12.05 ma Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, with John Humphrys
and Brian Redhead, incl
6.30, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.35, 7.35
Weather 8.35 Yesterday in
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9.05 Face the Facts with John
Waits (r)
9.30 All in the Minch Professor
Anthony Clare with the
magazine devoted to
matters of the mind
10.00 News; The Natural History
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Jessica Holm and Fergus
Keeling, with Michael Scott
in California
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Citizens
11.25 My Heroes: Claff Morgan
take to actor Robert Hardy
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about those people who have influenced him (see Choice)

11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-time broadcasters.
This week, Veronica Cecil returns to Kashmir where she went to school and

ratums to Kashmir where she went to school and discovers there are still tessons to be learnt 12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard 12.25pm The Senses: Six plays by Bob Sinfield. 5: Smell. With Rodney Bewes as Ken and Liz Fraser as Vera (s) (r) 12.55 Westher 1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

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2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Presented by Jenni Murray.
Karen Deco examines Karen Deco examines various ways and means of dealing with children's temper tentrums; interviews with opera stars Ann Murray and Philip Langridge, currently appearing in Beatrice and Benedict at the ENO; Karen Gerstron, poet and Holocaust browning.

and hiolocaust biographer and American author and communications expert, Sonia Hemiln Soria Hamin
3.00 News; Ways and Means:
Play by John Kirkmorris.
Victor Wicks (Chris Emmet),
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the company's money,
someone shops him to the
DTI. With Bill Walls as Densby Gurd (s) 4.00 News

4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks with Dr Roger Virgoe, author of *Private Life in the* 15th Century, his new selection of the Paston Letters

4.35 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Paul Allen. George Szerties reviews Julius Hay's Have at the Pit, the film Let's Get Lost is reviewed; a feature on tsarist films; and tan Kemp reviews the ENO's production of Beatrics and Benedict at the Collegum (s)

5.00 PM with Frances Coverdals and Robert Williams 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financia Report

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Peter Jones, Derek Nimmo, Paul Merton and Richard Nurdoch (s) (r)
7,00 News
7,05 The Archers
7,20 Soundtrack: Part 5:
8,20 Choice)
8,00 Analysis (see Choice)
9,00 Analysis

Remains of the Day, by
Kazuo Ishiguro. Part 9: Little
Compton, Cornwell (s)
11.00 The Sittaford Mystery: The
Second Seance. Five-part
dramatization of Agatha
Christie's novel (final part)

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11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20
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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 Without going to extremes by implying that there could be as many good amateur writers inside prison as there are good professionals outside, Whispers on the Wine (Radio 4, 7.20pm), this week's Soundtrack, convinced me that behind the walls of one maximum security prison at least - Lewes, East Sussex prose and verse are thriving, both in how the inmates speak out and in what they write down. How much of this has been influenced by the pris-on's writer-in-residence, Ste-phen Plaice, is not clear, but his listening car and peculiar status (an outsider with a direct line to insiders) have clearly had an impact on the gaol's artistic creativity. In return, his own writing must have benefited enormously from contact with inmates such as the man who scoffs at the idea of prison ("a place for failed criminals") being a university of crime ("If you think about it, you'd never send your child to a university filled with failed professors").



Michael Heseltine: talks to Peter Hennessy (R4, 8.00pm)

 Two recommended interviews: Peter Hennessy's with (Radio 4, 8.00pm), and Cliff Morgan's with actor Robert

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Continued from page 1 the positive tests on Ricky Chaplin, a middleweight, and Gareth Hives, who won three silver medals in the 100kg

Hives, aged 23, a steel worker from Port Talbot, is the Welsh National Cham-pion in the 100kg category and competed in the 1986 Games when he finished sixth. Like Chaplin, the Welsh

middleweight, stripped of his gold medal in the middle-weight snatch competition, Hives was yesterday travelling back to the United Kingdom. Both face life bans from the

His mother Margaret said yesterday: "I did not know anything was wrong until I turned on the television.

"I am too upset to say anything. I am waiting to hear

A former training partner Mr Joe Devries, who now owns a health club in Port Talbot, said: "The Welsh boys are being made scapegoats. Everybody knows that drug-taking is rife in body-building. Gareth is a very nice bloke and very dedicated. I am sure he will be devastated by what has happened.

"I know everybody will turn their backs on him but the lads who trained with Gareth will stand by him and give him the support he needs

In Bristol, where Chaplin often trained at a gym run by Mr Den Welch, the Welsh team coach, his mother Edna said: "I cannot believe this. I am so upset for Ricky because it was his moment of glory rained. He has never done anything like this in his life. His whole life has been weightlifting and I just do not know what he will do if he is

Move on Replanted trees brave the storm



Mr Ken Prichard Jones in his avenue of limes, including the pollarded trees which were successfully replanted (below) after the storm of October 1987 By Michael Horasby, Agriculture Correspondent



A West Sussex solicitor and estate owner has astonished

tree experts by raising and replanting, apparently successfully, limes and oaks that were blown down in the storm of October, 1987. All the replanted trees survived last week's gales. "I was always told that if

you cut or broke the taproot of an oak, it would die. But this seems not to be the case," Mr Ken Prichard Jones, who owns the 220-acre Field Place estate at Warnham, said, "The oaks we raised have now survived two summers and seem to be growing strongly". The 1987 gales devastated

estate, which was the birth-place of the poet Percy Shelley. Twenty-six of the limes were blown down. All of them were replanted.

"The limes were on average about 70 years old. About 18 oaks were also blown down, of which 10 were very mature trees between 200 and 250 years old. We did not attempt to raise these. But we did raise eight oaks of between 70 and 80 years of age. The have all sprouted and seem to be doing well", Mr Prichard Jones said.

Several tree experts yesabout the scheme's succe

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AROUND BRITAIN

Political sketch

A season of songs and Rabbie Burns

They were singing, yesterday, in the Chamber - between bouts of calling each other of order about the raising of

In gold watchchain and yellow tartan trousers and waistcoat, it was Sir Nicholas Fairbairn (Conservative, Perth & Kinross) who set the bizarre tone to the afternoon. He looked like a gift-wrapped

He sounded like a giftwrapped fruit-cake - something about more being spent per head in Scotland than in any other part of the Union. "I agree with the senti-ments behind that question", replied Scottish Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, In other words, "you've got your facts wrong". They spend more in Northern Ireland, he said.

Sounds right. It is Ulster which gives the most trouble. The Scots come second. The Welsh come third in the handouts league. The English (utterly docile) come last. This confirms a hypothesis that the more money you spend on people, the more they hate you. The father of one of your sketchwriter's schoolfriends was Administrator of the Cayman Islands. He once gave me an account of his first visit to the islanders on Little Cayman, the smallest of the isles.

There were only a dozen or so ragged inhabitants in this tiny place, the remainder of the population having been unfortunately swept into the sea during a hurricane. HM Government, during its long and glorious stewardship of the territory, had been moved to do almost nothing for these people and was certainly not planning to alter that economical state of affairs.

As my friend's father waded ashore from the Government Dinghy, the entire population of the island stood to attention on the seashore, saluting and singing "God Save the Queen". Just a thought, Mr Rifkind.

Perhaps he was pondering it while Lord James Douglas-Hamilton answered a question from the Liberals' Menzies Campbell Lord James is a Scottish minister who sits in the Commons although he is a Lord, for reasons nobody quite understands but nobody dares ask, in case everybody else does

in the Chamber – between impostor. According to bouts of calling each other "traitors", and raising points ity Street Lane" in Edin-

Mr Campbell wanted more generous allowances for local councillors in Scotland. Glasgow's Michael Martin (Lab) agreed. Being a councillor meant having your home "inundated with complaining

residents." "You can't enjoy a meal without constant interrup-tion from telephone calls." Lord James looked hurt. "I've been a councilior" he

iched us. We pictured the Dougla Hamiltons at dinner. "My Lord..."

What now, McJeeves? "My Lord - there is another deputation at the gate-house. They wish to

speak to you."
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"Surely you mean 'persons liable to the community charge, McJ? Damnation!
And we've barely touched the quails' eggs. Send them up. And please silence that infernal telephonic apparatus." Anyway, before Questions had proceeded much further, Lord James got his own back with a neat right book. It started when Labour's William McKelvey began to sing.

McKelvey was worried about his constituency of Kilmarnock and Loudon. They were dumping "billions of tons of rubbish and rubble" there, he said. If they dumped any more then (and here he began to sing) You'll never smell the tingle o'er the Isles. Heaven knows what the tingle o'er the Isles might be, but some of us never wanted to smeli it.

It set Labour's Dick Douglas (Dunfermline W) going though. He decided "in this season of Rabbie Burns" to quote - or misquote - the great poet, who (we learned) had discussed the poll-tax in verse. "They break our backs for Maggie's tax/Such a parcel of rogues in a nation.

Lord James peered mildly across at the seething Douglas. "Robert Burns was himself an excise man, and knew all about tax" he observed. Shortly afterwards, Mr Doug-las left the Chamber.

Matthew Parris

When lifting becomes an obsession

By John Goodbody

The satisfaction from weightlifting comes from beating records: world records, Olympic records, European records, British records, regional records and particularly personal records.

This is the motivation for the millions who use weights and what inspires them to train day after day, year after year.

Olympic weightlifting is the pinnacle.

In Britain, it is a minor sport, in spite of the immense popularity of weighttraining for fitness as hundreds of new

gymnasiums and sports centres testify.

The history of the sport, going back centuries beyond the Ancient Olympic Games, is a romance of myth centring on the exploits of strongman exhibitions. It is also a saga of unceasing endeavour.
Until the 1960s, it was believed that

the body had to have 48 hours' rest between training sessions to recover from the intensive sessions, in which many tons of weights are lifted. To train more often was thought harmful. However, the Bulgarians discovered that it was perfectly possible to lift weights not only every day but several times a day and improve performances.

Much of the improvement of the last 20 years has been due to harder training. Training knowledge has improved, as has diet. Competitors have also started

training seriously at a younger age.
However, one of the main reasons for individuals being able to train harder has been the use by some weightlifters of hormone drugs, which allow quicker recovery from intensive exercise. Anabolic steroids, which allow

competitors to train harder, began to be used in the 1960s. Weightlifters are consumed with esire for this improvement but not all

resort to drug-taking. It is a sport which is easily measurable. Every time a lifter picks up the bar he knows how much weight he is handling and how that relates to his performance last week, last month or last year. That is its fascination. The sense of selffulfilment is enormous because the activity is so exact. Weightlifting is about strength, a fundamental desire for a man. The psyche of weightlifter is consumed by this obsession.

However, as the recent scandals in Britain and New Zealand have shown, this yearning for self-fulfillment some-times tempts weightlifters to take banned substances, which not only may be iniumous to their health but also causes them to run the risk of being caught in a

If they are British and found to be positive, then they risk being banned for life. After the opportunity for a personal hearing, this will be the fate of Ricky Chaplin and Gareth Hives.

The irony is that the ban will decrive them of what they want above all else: a chance to demonstrate their strength in a sport that is their life. In their desire for more and more strength, they have been betrayed by a weakness. It is the weakness of cheating.

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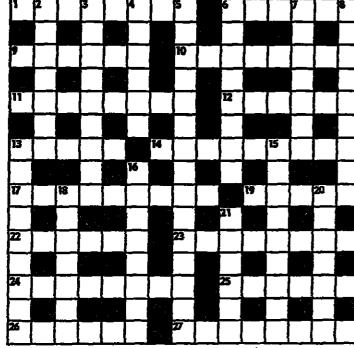
chov did not elaborate on whether that "someone" or abroad, but pointed out that such rumours regularly circulated before Central Committee plenums.

Unofficial opinion in Moscow is divided between those who suspect Gorbachov-sup-

porters in the Soviet leadership and those who suspect Gorbachov-lobbyists in

Whoever is right, however, the aim would be the same: to

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- 6 Aboard a warship by choice (6). 9 Plowman accepts money for a 10 Agent for developing part of building (S).
- 11 Cross about a set of tools having several cutters (§).
- 12 Made oneself go to vet after tiny creature lost its tail (6). 13 Saw a girl, for instance, on the
- way back (5).
- 14 Untidy person causing trouble in county retreat (9). 17 A country opened up by trailbreaking (9).
- 19 Politicians do (5). 22 In time deserter makes mistakes

Solution to Puzzle No 18,205



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- 27 Chap about to enter part of garden covered with trees (8).

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- 5 in France, the men's struggle for Liberation (15).
- 6 Airs from cobbler disheartened Mr Pleydell (8). 7 Charm dispelled - a rum one
- 8 Rebel taking a rest elsewhere (9). 13 A story portraying degradation
- 15 Companion in first part of trip omitted from book's opening (9). 16 Royalist's ace rival beaten (8).
- 18 Paid about a sovereign for antique instrument (7). In the Jobcentre, a clerk offers blandishments (7). 21 Things dropped from planes over the States (6).

Concise Crossword, page 20

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard PERGAMENEOUS Descended from Alexando
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b. The prairie siskin c. A Canadian lumberjack MOSLINGS a. Unfledged birds b. Unripe apples c. Thin shavings of skin

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a. An extra mast b. To shrink c. To dry meat in the sec Answers on page 10

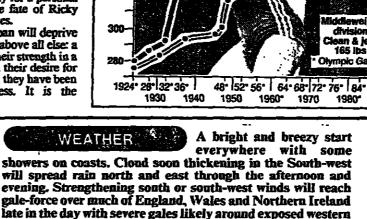
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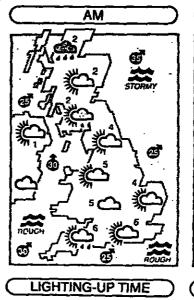
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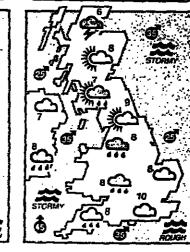
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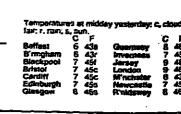
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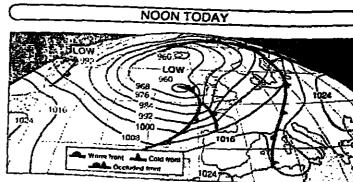




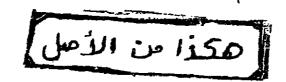
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SeaCon **'intent** on a deal'

Sea Containers remains intent on selling parts of its British ferry and container businesses to Temple Holdings despite repeated delays because of legal work, a New York an-

alyst said yesterday. "The board seems to have leaned over backwards to say we are going to do this deal'," said Mr Michael Carstens, of

Tucker Anthony. The deadline for agreement expired yesterday without any statements. Comment, page 25

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Cray losses

Cray Electronics is passing its interim dividend following half-time losses of £5.6 million. A final dividend is not expected. Tempus, page 24

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Siemens wins £300m UK power station contract

Comment

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor



The British companies which put in tenders were the General Electric Company (GEC), Northern Engineering Industries (now part of Rolls-Royce, the aircraft engine makers) and John Brown (part of Trafalgar House group). They were beaten on price, said Mr Ed Wallis,

chief executive of PowerGen, which

producers emerging at privatization of the Central Electricity Generating

It means equipment like the turbines for the 900 megawatt station will be manufactured in Germany by Siemens, which is headed by Herr Karlheinz Kaske. But there is expected to be a Britishsupply element of about 40 per cent of the contract value mainly because

of the construction work involved. The power station, at Killingholme, south Humberside, is the first new contract to be let, with consent from the Department of Energy, since PowerGen and Nat-

swap with Grand Metropoli-

said the deal was "pending" but emphasized the complica-

tions provided by GrandMet's

licensing agreements with

Carlsberg, Budweiser and

brewing business in the deal.

Elders will gain more than

Neither the Australian nor

the British company have

billion for Pillsbury, owner of

Some analysts have mooted

that Harlin, the company

formed by Elders' executives

which bid Aus\$2.57 for Elders

in a novel move last year, is also looking at the PubCo for

brewing deal to reduce its

holding in Elders to less than

Harlin, which has debts of

Aus\$2.85 billion, according to

Mr Terry Povey, Australian

stocks analyst at ANZ

McCaughan, the broker, may

inducing GrandMet - or

another - to underwrite a

The Monopolies and Merg-

ers Commission's report into

the brewing industry has

seek to accomplish this

50 per cent.

share placing.

Burger King, in the US.

Sources at the British group

is the smaller of the two electricity ional Power were created. Both had applied for consent to build a station at Killingholme where the site had already been assigned for that purpose. The Department of

Energy may have been swayed

in PowerGen's favour because it already had a gas supply deal lined

It will be the first major British station using combined cycle gas turbine technology. This achieves 50 per cent efficiency against the 35 cent of conventional coal-fired stations. This should help PowerGen pursue its strategy of to Killingholme. Pickerill, develbeing a low-cost as well as reliable oped at a cost of £200 million, is producer of electricity, Mr Wallis

Killingholme will also be kinder to the environment than present coal and oil fired stations because of fewer emissions. There is virtually no sulphur dioxide produced and less of the greenhouse effect gases, carbon dioxide and nitrogen di-

Killingholme will be taking most of the production of the Pickerill gas field being operated by Arco off the Lincolnshire coast. The plan is to build a £20 million pipeline to bring the gas to shore and across country

expected to have a production life of at least 25 years.

Killingholme is expected to be the first of a series of new power stations for PowerGen which believes it will need up to 15,000 megawatts of additional capacity by the carly years of the next century.

Preliminary site preparation is due to start next month and about 300 jobs will be created when the construction phase begins in the

The power station will need an operational staff of about 50 when completed in October 1992 AUSTAIR GRANT

Electricity profits projection cut back

By Graham Searjeant

Mr John Wakeham, the Energy Secretary, is understood to have reached agreement on the complex structure of electricity supply contracts between generating companies and the 12 distribution companies.

The contracts, some of which are likely to be approved shortly, have been the greatest stumbling block in setting up the new electricity market in advance of pri-

Flotations are due to start with the distribution companies this summer and be completed by the two inte-grated Scottish boards by the summer of 1991.

Mr Wakeham has confirmed that vesting day, when the assets of the old Central Electricity Generating Board and the regional electricity boards are vested in the new companies, will be March 31.

This confounds fears of further slippage at this stage in the privatization timetable.

But the structure of the contracts, and the Government's desire to avoid a further big round of electricity price rises before privatization, will cut starting profits of National Power and Power-Gen, the two non-nuclear generating companies, well below what was envisaged at one time. Assets will be written down

to maintain healthy returns on capital employed.

City estimates suggest that the sale value of the entire industry in England and Wales may be less than £10 billion, with as little as £3 billion for National Power and PowerGen.

The generating companies were originally thought likely to account for a much higher proportion of the total privatization proceeds.

Elders poised to place 23.7% stake in S&N

By Angela Mackay

Elders IXL, the Australian conglomerate which owns Courage in Britain, will place its 23.7 per cent stake in Scottish & Newcastle next week and plans to announce a pubfor-brewery swap with Grand Metropolitan by

mid-February. Several market-makers have tendered to place the S&N stake with institutions at about 325p.

realize a £47 million loss on top of holding costs of about £65 million.

S&N is co-operating with Elders on the placement. Mr Alick Rankin, its chairman, is in Australia with most of Elders' senior London-based

S&N shares ended 4p higher. at 334p after touching a high of 339p

The shares started the week Elders is announcing a significant restructuring on Monday.

Heavy borrowings, credit downgradings and a generally poor perception of highlyeared Australian companies had forced Elders to look closely at non-core businesses. It is expected to refocus on

brewing and agribusiness - its traditional interests - and to

sell, among other assets, El-

ders Finance's loan book, , a 10 per cent slice of Goodman Fielder Wattie, the Australasian food company, and 13.9 per cent of Greene, King &

Sons, the British regional At the end of December, for example, Elders Finance sold

its treasury activities to Dresdner Bank and soon after, 50 per cent of GrandMet's shut the treasury operation in

Elders has been selling nonmuch spare cash, particularly after GrandMet paid \$5.23 core assets since the end of its about 323p.

At this price, Elders — last financial year on the selection billion reducing group debt to an estimated Aus\$1.8 billion

As a key part of this strategy, the group will try to announce a deal with Grand-Met to coincide with the release of its interim profits on February 14.

GrandMet already brews Foster's, Elders' premium lager, under licence to supplement brewing capacity at

Elders signalled it was closer to clinching the long-expected 328n and have suffered move when it took up a £250 volatile swings for some time. million call option over the Courage Pub Co last week. The sale and leaseback deal

> with Hudson Conway, Elders' partner in the PubCo venture, must be dissolved by Decem-

It would also allow it to bring assets back on to the balance sheet and afford it the power to engineer an asset August.

been the catalyst for the deal between Elders and Grand-This will give Elders full control over its 5,000 Courage

GrandMet already has an Aus\$50 million investment in Harlin, injected at the time the bid was announced in early



Charges bite into WH Smith profit

WH Smith, the high street reception to results, but later books-to-DIY group, believes recovered to trade at 317p.

much of the consumer gloom

In the interim period, t has passed it by, reporting good Christmas trading and strong sales in January.

Sir Simon Hornby, the chairman, said trading profit from continuing business rose by an effective 18.9 per cent to £47 million in the 26 weeks to December 2, although the group turned in a lower interim pre-tax profit because of higher interest charges.

The interest charge jumped from £6.5 million to £11.8 million which in turn clipped half time pre-tax profits from £41.8 million to £35.1 million. There were no property sales in the latest period, and the latest period covers 26 weeks compared with a 27-week

trading period previously. The shares fell from 320p to 300p as analysts gave a mixed

In the interim period, the company invested more than

£100 million in expanding core businesses and realized £37 million from the sale of peripheral activities. For the first time at the interim stage, turnover topped the £1 billion mark at £1.02 billion (£936 million). The dividend rises from 3.6p to 4p. Our Price enjoyed strong

growth in the interim period, but the DIY sector remains generally depressed and trading profits from operations in this division slipped from £8.3 million to £5.1 million.

Operating and start-up costs associated with the Astra satellite resulted in losses of £3.2 million at WH Smith Television (£1.8 million loss

Pound inches up to Lawson level

exchange market, extending the recovery from the post-Lawson fail. Against the mark, it closed in London up about half a pfennig at DM2.8312 and against the dollar was virtually unchanged at \$1.6805, leaving the effective exchange index 0.1 higher at 89 after a high of 89.1.

The pound has now recovered three quarters of its fall from the low point just after Christmas of 85.8, closing yesterday 1.2 per cent below the 90.1 at which it closed before Mr Nigel Lawson resigned as Chancellor of the Exchequer on October 26.

The US Commerce Department's index of leading indicators rose 0.8 per cent in December to 145.7, seasonally adjusted. This compared with Tempes, page 24 | an increase in November of by the end of the year.

The pound continued to make 0.1 per cent and market small gains in the foreign forecasts of about 0.5 per cent. The Confederation of British Industry yesterday called for a reversal of the divergence between pay and productivity growth so as to avoid further

> The appeal followed Tues-day's CBI warnings that the economy is near to recession.

Mr Rod Thomas, the CBI's director of employment affairs, told a London conference that the cutback last year of 42,000 jobs in manufacturing would be just a foretaste of what was to come, if wage rises continued to outpace productivity gains. Woolwich Building Society says mortgage rates could be two percentage points lower by the end of this year, with base rates on the way down by summer to reach 13 per cent

Former chairman says he had no influence or power

Barnett 'was edged out of Dominion'

By Martin Waller

Lord Barnett, the former Labour Cabinet minister and now vice chairman of the BBC, has broken his silence over his involvement in the affairs of Dominion International Group, the crashed financial services conglomerate once run by

Mr Max Lewinsolm. Lord Barnett said he felt he was edged out as chairman at Dominion in November by attempts by large shareholders, orchestrated by two substantial shareholders, to go over his head and organize a rescue package.

The two were the brothers Mr Rupert Galliers-Pratt and Mr Nigel Cayzer, whose Film Finances company was bought by Dominion in April for shares, bringing them on to the board.

"There were discussions taking place between the brothers and the banks

just wasn't involved, I had no influence or power. I said I don't like this position and I'm resigning."

The rescue plan, which would have seen the shares requoted at 5p and the company valued at just £3.5 million, fell apart after the banks, who are owed more than £100 million between them, refused

Firm with many faces. to support it. Price Waterhouse was appointed administrator last month.

Lord Barnett was countering criticism among institutional shareholders of his role as chairman. He was brought in as deputy in November 1987 because of his links with Mr Lewinsohn through Top Value Industries, now Conrad Continental, where he is chairman and where Mr Lewinsohn sold his stake last year. In

without any reference to me," he said. "I December 1988 Lord Barnett became chairman at the instigation of a group of shareholders, including the two brothers, who were becoming increasingly con-cerned at Dominion's financial affairs and the treatment of various earlier acquisitions and disposals in the accounts. He was asked by shareholders to The other non-executive who stood

down with Lord Barnett, Mr John Clarke, a director of Robertson Research, the mining group, said he believed Mr Galliers-Pratt and Mr Cayzer had contributed to the collapse of Dominion He said there was "no obvious foundation" to the allegations Lord Barnett was required to investigate. He believed that as the brothers progressed their rescue plans last year, the non-executives had been increasingly

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WH Smith's wounds only superficial

W H Smith's interim results rates. Interest cover at 4.5 do not make the best selling times should rise above 5 lists. They show the burden of times come the year-end. higher interest rates - relief from which is some way off yet — and a 16 per cent fall in pre-tax profit from £41.8 million to £35.1 million.

It is Smith's first downturn for some time, and immediate market reaction yesterday was to knock the shares down from 321p to 300p. They later recovered to 317p.
But bear in mind that latest

interim results cover 26 weeks to December 2 against 27 weeks, and the conclusion must be that the company, chaired by Sir Simon Hornby, has performed surprisingly well within its core business. Also, there were no property profits (£2.4 million pre-

At the trading level, profits for-like basis) or by 13 per cent rated. to £47 million as advertised.

News, books, and stationery were strong, although a slow-down in DIY checked Do It All operations, and a higher investment spend on television interests saw trading losses from TV services rise from £1.8 million to £3.2 million.

£11.8 million for the half-year - against a charge of £11 million for all of the previous 12 months - reflects high earnings per share and divi-borrowings and the level of dends throughout the Eighties.

After a period of chopping and changing, Smith now looks set to consolidate and build on its trading blocks. New store design has worked, a certain percentage of distribution business has recently been won again from News International, television interests in time will bring their rewards, Christmas trading was good and a property revaluation is due at the year-

If the worst of the High Street winds continue to pass WH Smith by, then year-end pre-tax profits of £90 million (£84.1 million) should be within reach. So if Smith can convince the market that it will not be stepping on any from continuing businesses on a prospective p/e of 10.7 rose 18.9 per cent (on a like-stand every chance of being re-

Allied Textile

Allied Textile Companies is a only has it survived a period of great turmoil in the textile industry, it has prospered The run in the interest while stocks in more glam-charge from £6.5 million to orous sectors such as electronics have been floundering. Remarkably, it sustained annual increases of 15 per cent in both



Sir Shuon Hernby, W H Smith chairman; £11.8m interest bill

A key feature underlying its either. It launched a £21.3 the proceeds in gilts.

At the end of last year the properties amounted to £42 a third of the price. million - not far short of half

A key reature underlying its success was the realization million offer for the carpet-that there was no shame in maker Hugh Mackay towards withdrawing from unproduc-the end of 1988, but withdraw tive activities and reinvesting when it became clear that Mackay's profits were not going to meet market expectavalue of its cash, quoted tions. Last month it made a securities and investment renewed - and agreed - bid at

Acquisitions have been crucial in repositioning Allied Allied does not believe in away from the more competoverpaying for acquisitions, itive areas of the traditional

The purchase of Mayfield in 1985 took it into synthetic textiles and Bulmer & Lumb, bought in 1987, broadened it into topmaking Including Mackay, these "new" businesses will account for nearly

two thirds of Allied's sales. The industry-wide slowdown left profits only 12 per cent ahead at £13.3 million and earnings just 8 per cent higher at 34p last year. With Mackay on board, Allied will do well to meet analysts' forecasts of £14 million and 35p this time, for a p/e ratio of duli spell ahead, but the shares are excellent value on a longterm view.

Cray Electronics

Cray Electronics has lots of hard pounding to do before the shares can be assessed on normal investment criteria. At 61p, they offer hope value pany that will struggle to emerge with perhaps 3p of earnings by the end of next financial year.

But the trio now at the heim have a spectacular record of success at UEI, bought by Carlton Communications last year. They can probably make a go of turning Cray round and encouraging its core businesses to blossom. But first.

voted to surgery. Cray shattered shareholders late last year with revelations that previous profits were less than £5 million rather than the

£17 million reported. Shortly after, the former UEI team replaced the old guard. Yesterday's interim profits cover a period before these changes and are therefore

largely academic - except for the exceptional and extraordinary charges made to clean up the busines

Profits of £1.2 million on £52 million of sales were swamped by £1.83 million of exceptionals and £3.6 million below the line for closure of a lossmaking Swiss joint venture. A £2 million post-tax loss thus became a £5.6 million hole in the balance sheet.

Its defence businesses are being groomed for sale and might raise £15 million, but not much before the end of 1990. That leaves sound businesses in communications, instrumentation and software systems. Their £100 million of sales might generate £8 million of pre-interest profit, but much of this will initially go to Cray's bankers.

The balance sheet, currently grisly with £40 million of debt against £26 million of net assets, will take time to repair. Expect losses of around £5.5 million this year and profits of perhaps £3 million next. The shares are high enough.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Platignum seeks buys after reducing loans

Platignum, the stationery, furniture and housewares group, is on the lookout for acquisitions. It has managed to cut borrowings from £4 million at March 31, 1989, to £3.3 million outswangs of the state of the s

information subsequently proven to be materially incorrect."

The new team reports a pre-tax profit of £209,000 for the six months to September 30 on turnover of £11.2 million. However, it says: "Any comparison with the unaudited figures for the six months to July 31, 1988, should be treated with extreme caution, as these bore little relation to the audited figures for the 14 months to March 31, 1989." For purposes of legal comparision, Platignum shows a pre-tax loss of £129,000 for the six months to July 31, 1988.

Expansion for Verson

Verson International, the Micrelec Group, maker of West Midlands metal-forming machinery maker, has acquired Metform Engineering for £1.77 million, via a 1-for-4 received 4.25 million new ordinary the absence of ordinary 10p shares, of new ordinary shares at 130p which 750,000 are retained; a share. The balance of the 3.5 million will be placed at 53.13 million issue, under-37p per share. Mr Tim written by County NatWest Kelleher, Verson chairman Wood MacKenzie, will be

Micrelec call funds buy

written by County NatWest Wood MacKenzie, will be used for working capital. The USM shares fell 3p to 158p.

38 per cent of capital. SM&E slides into red

Sanderson Murray & Elder (Holdings), the textile group subject to a £3.3 million takeover bid from Mr Tony Branull, its 45 per cent shareholder, made a £149,000 loss (£36,000 profit) in the six months to December. Sales fell to £2.19 million (£2.64 million) and the loss per share is 7.8p (1.6p earnings). There is no interim dividend.

The company said its activities had come under increasing pressure and the levels of orders had worsened in the more difficult trading conditions since July last year. The offer document, bidding 175p a share in cash, was posted to shareholders yesterday. The shares fell 2p to 203p.

Courtyard's £10,000

Courtyard Leisure, the City wine bar operator which joined the Third Market in December, reports pre-tax profits of £10,000 in the six months to esd-September, on turnover of £495,000. Earnings per share are 0.16p. There is no interim dividend. Pre-tax profits were £94,000 in the year to end-March 1989 on turnover

·CMA leaps 29% to £1.6m

Central Motor Auctions lifted pre-tax profits 29 per cent to £1.62 million in the year to end-October, helped by auction proceeds up 42 per cent at £259 million and higher interest receipts of £450,000 (£259,000). Eps rise 13 per cent to 10.25p and the final dividend is 2.25p (2p), making 3.25p (2.75p) for the year. Its USM shares

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Mercury joins Ermes

Mercury Paging, the joint Mercury Communications and Motorola venture, is to join the pan-European radiopaging network Ermes — the European Radio Messaging System, set to launch in 1992. It will cover the whole of Europe, parts of Scandinavia, through into Turkey.

The company, which now has 40,000 subscribers since its launch two years ago, has been conspicuously absent from the push to expand European paging networks. Mercury Paging is not part of Europessage, the network which will allow limited Continental paging between Britain, France and

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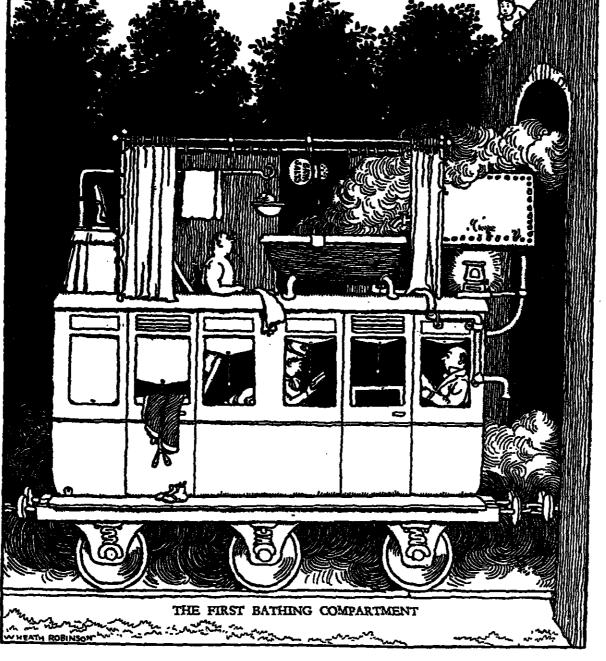
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Shake-up by AmEx after ASC set to provoke Cohen's exit at Shearson

The American Express Com- would not succeed. Shearson executive of Shearson in 1983. Coben ever had that. "Maybe pany has radically shaken up has been forced to raise an Shearson Lehman Hutton, its 61 per cent securities subsidiary, in an attempt to halt its

transformed the company into one of the US's largest securities groups, resigned on Tuesday night after a row with Mr James Robinson III, AmEx's

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He is being replaced by Mr Howard Clark, AmEx's chief a recovery to \$11% yesterday. financial officer.

At the same time, Shearson has announced it is cancelling its planned 20 million share offer, and replacing it with a 21 million share tights issue which will be fully underwritten by AmEx

Last week, Shearson's shares fell to a low of \$10% is a body blow to a one-time amidst fears on Wall Street that the company's share offer that the company's share of the company's share of the company's share of the company that the Last week, Shearson's

extra \$850 million (£506 million) capital, of which the offer was a part, after being threatnumbling share price.

Mr Peter Cohen, Shearson's grading by Moody's, the rating agency. The downgrading would have taken Shearson from 3A to a B grade, and cost

> After the rights, AmEx will reduce its stake in Shearson to 45 per cent, via a special dividend of up to 23 million

it up to \$40 million a year in

Shearson shares to AmEx shareholders, allowing AmEx to take the firm's debt off its balance sheet.

But it was the \$960 million merger with EF Hutton, the Shearson back to the Shearson largest deal in the US securities industry, that established on retail brokerage.'

that in order to successfully run a people business you \$75 million in Shearson. must have a leader at the top who everyone can respect and that leader must have humility and respect relative to the people who work with him,"

two years after Shearson Loeb the long-term repercussions Rhodes was acquired by are quite favourable for American Express, and be- Shearson, given that Americame chairman when it took can Express now has the over Lehman Brothers Kuhn ability to move the firm in any direction it wants," he said. "My guess is it will move

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ture and the rights issue fallen victim to the overhelped Shearson's shares stage a recovery to \$1150. capacity problems that face all Warren Heilman, a partner in major US securities firms.

"The moral of this story is California investment group, Hellman & Friedman, the who recently agreed to invest Mr Hellman will serve in a

part-time, non-executive A Shearson spokesman said Mr Clark was committed to maintaining all parts of the business, including its large London operation which em-

provoke storm on goodwill

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By Graham Searjeant

he Accounting Standards Committee is set to unleash a further storm in the profession, and among finance directors, this morning when it issues its revised proposals on the treatment of goodwill on acquisitions in company balance sheets.

in conjunction with a secand exposure draft on mergers and acquisitions, it is expected to require acquiring companies to write off goodwill in equal annual instalments from profits, usually over 20 years. Most companies at present

use the option of writing the whole of acquired goodwill the excess of purchase price over balance sheet value immediately against reserves, so that it has no effect on reported profits.

Earlier drafts led to outright opposition from some pro-fessional accountants and also from big acquisitive com-panies. But Mr Michael Renshall, the ASC chairman, said that immediate write-offs could deplete balance sheets in a ridiculous way.

Thus far, only companies with insufficient reserves have usually adopted the method of writing goodwill off against

If ASC changes the rules, it would bring British practice in line with the United States.

The revised draft is ex-pected to retreat from outright opposition to incorporating the value of acquired brands in balance sheets as a separate item from goodwill, but would require brand values to be written off in the same way.

Profits are pumped up at Reebok

The Pump, the latest craze in sports shoes, is helping to restore the fortunes of Reebok

Reebok, 31.8 per cent owned by Britain's Pentland Industries, reports a massive recovery in profits in the Christmas quarter, from \$6.72 million to just under \$35 million (£20.8 million), topping the previous best fourth quarter, 1987.

It hoists profits for the year to December 31 from \$137 million to \$175 million.

Pre-tax profits, in sterling terms, rise from £129.7 million to £177.6 million, of which £34.2 million is attributable to Pentland after tax. Analysts predict that Pentland will turn in 1989 pre-tax profits of about £70 million. up from £58.7 million.

COMMENT David Brewerton

A great many leaves on the SeaCon line

Temple Holdings is not unlike waiting for the 9.43 train from Brentwood to Liverpool Street: there seem an awful lot of leaves on the line.

Wherever and whenever Sea Containers' James Sherwood puts a deal together there are bound to be nervous onlookers, but some of them are being reduced to wrecks by the long delays in fixing contracts for the sale of the container rental and Sealink Ferry businesses for about \$1 billion.

As yet another deadline passed in New York yesterday, doubts left the Sea Containers share price languishing at \$59½. Although this was a couple of dollars higher than Tuesday's close, in line with other oversold "situation stocks," it was still far below the benchmark \$70 against which Sherwood seems to have set his reputation.

The \$1 billion deal with Temple, if it is still a deal, was arrived at nearly three weeks ago as the stunning climax to the takeover bid which began in London on May 26 last year when Temple offered \$824 million for the entire Sealink empire. Sherwood's empire is in no great financial shape, but despite the siege which has been laid by Temple (which consists of Tiphook from Britain and Stena from Sweden), he has managed to outsmart and defeat the

consortium at nearly every turn. inflexible as trade cycle.

aiting for the fine print of Sea

Containers' proposed deal with

Takeover Panel rules, he would have found the Hondini and more difficulties. pull off. The Panel would have heard the chains rattling long before he emerged

from the sack. We have to accept, until we hear otherwise, that the deals will go ahead and that Sherwood will deliver what he has promised to his own shareholders. Details of the recapitalization plan have yet to emerge, but with a billion dollars of Temple money in his pocket, Sherwood ought to be able to mix a Manhattan cocktail potent enough to

suit the most sophisticated tastes. Even so, there are hurdles still to be cleared, including shareholders approval, and before Stena is able to hoist its own flag on the old Sealink British ferries, a year will probably have elapsed.

A year has similarly elapsed between the moment when the Tiphook board decided that Sea Containers' containers would look nice with a Tiphook label on them and the time when they actually change hands.

Tiphook's involvement with the bid brought to an end a convincing period of outperformance for Tiphook shares, and the directors, when they are sure they have a watertight deal with Sea Containers, will have to concentrate a deal of effort in persuading investors that they have not overpaid for a huge inflexible asset at the wrong point in the

Discos head for centre stage

ohn Wakeham, the Energy Secretary, is winning some grudging com-pliments from the electricity industry for the way he is pushing through the intractable obstacles to electricity privatization one by one - albeit at the expense of most of the original principles.

But time is still running short. On the informal timetable being developed, the 12 distribution companies (or discos) will be sold in November, with National Power and PowerGen following together in February.

The two integrated Scottish boards (even more heavily depleted than National Power by the loss of nuclear increased generating capacity. stations) would probably finish the process in the summer of 1991.

Perhaps the most rapid change, however, has been in the price targets for selling the industry, which could now be as low as £10 billion. Despite the elimination of nuclear power, which had acquired an almost negative stock market value, the likely sale price of the two main generating companies has been falling

There are a number of causes. The structure of the supply contracts appears to have favoured the discos rather than the generators. The Government is anxious to avoid any further real price above milation. This was to pay for a than the overture

massive investment programme which has now magically disappeared, in part because the switch to replacement gas turbine stations has cut the desired margin of spare capacity.

It will also be impossible for the Government to claim that there will be genuine and increasing competition without equally raising the apparent risk to investors - especially in National Power's initial 50 per cent share of the market.

Finally, growth prospects may be unexciting since outsiders such as ICI, which plan to generate for themselves,

The high returns on capital employed that will be required by the private sector may therefore have to be achieved by writing down the assets of the two generators. Mr Wakeham will not want to take this too far, however, since that would make it even harder for new entrants to compete. National Power and PowerGen therefore have a strong vested interest in writing off as much as possible and thereby reducing their sale price. Depending on which way that debate goes, the two together might end up being sold for £4 billion or even less.

This will make the discos — which increases in advance of privatization might collectively fetch £5.5 to £6 billion, after the two-year rise of 15 per cent the centrepiece of the privatization rather

Summer blues for Colorvision



Expanding Colorvision's chain of stores: Neville Michaelson, second right, Colorvision's chairman, with, from left, Nigel Elton, finance director, Bernard Michaelson, property and investment director, and Colin Lewis, a director

Colorvision has felt the effects Government's policy of dis-of hotter competition in the couraging consumer spending because of a fear that they year. Since the year-end, a television and video retailing led to shrinking sales through-might be rendered obsolete further 10 have opened. Colorof hotter competition in the television and video retailing market and seen pre-tax profits drap 7.7 per cent to £3.4 million for the year ending September (Sam Parkhouse

Mr Neville Michaelson, the chairman, says that the excep-tionally fine summer and the out the industry.

Colorvision, which still managed to dominate in the North-east, experienced a 1

because of a fear that they might be rendered obsolete when British Satellite Broadcasting joins Sky as a pro-

Mr Michaelson said that per cent drop in profit the rise in turnover, to £33.59 margins.

million from £24.58 million,

year. Since the year-end, a further 10 have opened. Color-vision hopes to have a 20 per cent market share throughout the country eventually. The year's dividend rises

12.9 per cent via a final of 2.95p, making 4.9p, en earn-Mr Michaelson says that was almost entirely due to an ings per share down 7.8 per people became wary of buying increase in the number of cent to 10.6p.

Burton wins court battle

Burton Group has won its High Court battle with the Inland Revenue over its controversial share option scheme. This means that the scheme will continue to have Revenue approval for tax

The Revenue challenged the Burton scheme because of the flexibility of the targets it set its senior managers. The Revenue told the court that it objected to any provision which enabled the company to impose a task or vary an existing task after the option had been granted.

Burton argued its scheme would become a lottery if it had to set targets three years in

Optical and Medical up to £3.6m By Sam Parkhouse

Strong civil aerospace orders helped Optical and Medical to a 5 per cent pre-tax profits growth to £3.6 million in the

six months to September. Aeroplane fuselage and structural design activity enjoyed good demand, and accounted for more than 30 per cent of the turnover of £28.8 million (£27.7 million).

Omitec Instrumentation, which serves the main car manufacturers, has expanded to meet growing demand in the field of hand-held diagnostic equipment The interim dividend is

lifted from 1.65p to 1.75p on earnings per share of 5.2p (5p). The shares were unchanged

New home

Tony Mackintosh, who helped

build up the top-ranked oil

team at Wood Mackenzie in

the 1970s and early 1980s and stayed on as a director of

Hill Samuel when the rest of his WoodMac colleagues moved on to County - hopes

that history is about to repeat

itself at his new employment

abode, Laing & Cruickshank. For Mackintosh, who joined

L&C, at the start of January,

as head of institutional re-

search and marketing, has just

recruited the three-man oil

team from the ruins of

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers.

They are analysts Arthur He-

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BP, and Philip Morgan, and specialist salesman Wilf

Wilde. "I started talking to

them before CSV made its

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Peking near deal on HK Telecom

From Lulu Yu, Hong Kong

Investment Corp (Citic) to finance its purchase of 20 per cent of Hong Kong Telecommunications is expected to be finalized by next week.

The arrangement involves HK\$7 billion (£532 million) in bank loans, and the issue of Hong Kong Telecom warrants to raise another HK\$1 billion. Citic is buying from Cable and Wireless, which owns 76 per cent of Hong Kong Telecom, for about HK\$10 billion. If successful, the deal

will be the largest ever Chinese investment in the colony. Citic, China's main investment arm, has been on an

with **Revenue** A complex deal by Peking's month acquiring a 38 per cent China International Trust and stake in Hong Kong's second

airline, Dragonair. It has appointed Barclays Bank co-ordinator for the Hong Kong Telecom acquisition, and is expected to DUITDOSES.

announce details of the financing within a fortnight. Officials of Citic, Cable and Wireless and Barclays have been busy securing support for the deal from banks in Tokyo and Europe since last week. Mr John Sunderland, head of Barclays' merchant banking

division in Hong Kong, said: that response from Japan had been "extremely positive". Hong Kong Telecom's capitalization is about 10 per cent expansion track recently, last of the colony's stock market.

Master

A one-time lecturer and one of his students will be reunited at Cresvale, the Hays Wharf market-maker in equity-related securities - best known

and covering all the main gold markets of the world, will spring into action, with a base date of December 31, 1988. There will also be individual country indices, and South African golds can be stripped out for those who still find it painful to look at the SA market. With the gold still in demand it should prove a useful investment tool.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Green's crystal ball

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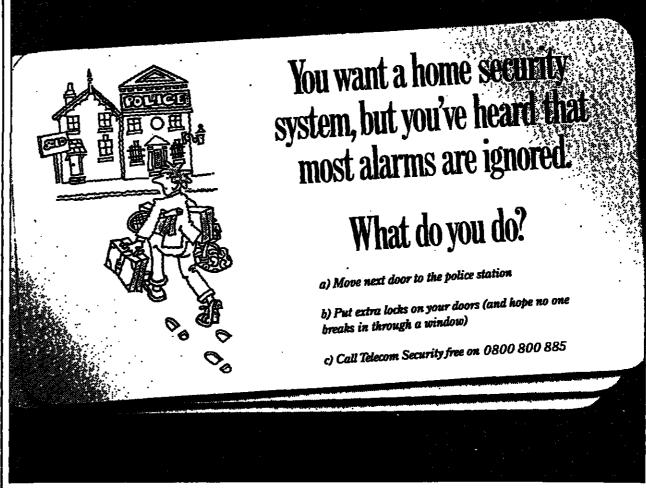
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for Japanese warrants and Following our recap of the past Forty" businessmen to watch winners of the Gaardian's in Business magazine last Octconvertibles — when Kevin Connolly joins the firm on Monday. Connolly, aged 41, has resigned as head of quantitative research at James Canel job for the same size. job for the same size business for the next 10 years." As my futures and warrants departcompany's amiable chief exec-utive Philip Green, was cited rightly concindes, "Clearly a to become head of futures and options sales and trading at Cresvale. He will be rubbing shoulders with George Philips, aged 25, to whom he taught econometrics and foreoffice, complete with its own Connolly and Philips worked writes from Vork casting at the City of London writes from York to recount the tale of two bishops walking from St Pancras station to works Russell Smare I Iron 30-hour shifts to follow the passing the parish church with Japanese market. The appassing the parish church with its portico and caryatids one remarked to the other: "I've often wondered who those grees and a PhD — his thesis was a "multi-versita study of women are on that church porch." "Why," came the reply, "don't you know; they are the five foolish virgins." constructing portfolio trading (of St Matthew charter 22) (of St Matthew, chapter 25). rules" - will mean Cresvale's "But," said the first, "there are options market. The first only four of them." "That's options market. The first options market. The first options market. also diversifying into fund management, with Lester Petch, from Target Investment Management, becoming

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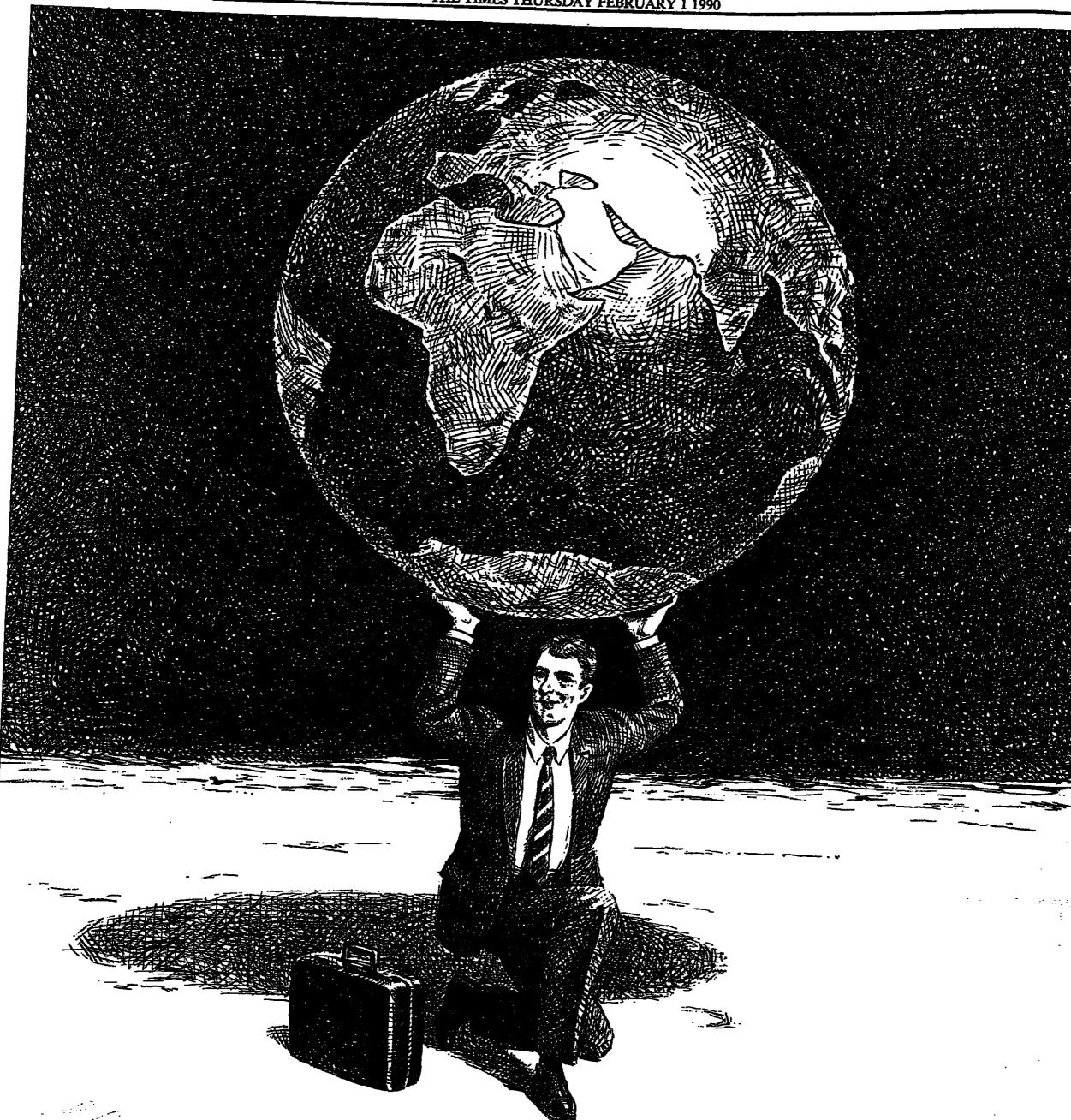
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New York (Reuter) - US shares climbed 20.5 points to 2,563.74 in early trading, drawing support from firming bond prices, traders said.

Talk that the Chicago purchasing managers' report for January might reveal some weakness in the economy was linked to bonds' strength.

In fact, the report showed activity was stronger than

speculated, which reversed the advance in bond prices.

"Bonds are helping the stocks," said Mr Larry Wachtel, analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities. "The Dow was poised to bounce. The question is what does it do for an encore?" The early advance failed to dispel scepticism about the market's

potential for a sustained rise. into the red Lister, the textiles company based in Bradford, has lapsed into losses of £499,000 in the six months to September after pre-tax profits of £852,000 last

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STOCK MARKET

THE TIMES THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1 1990

BT firmer as American investors call its number

American investors have taken a shine to British Telecom and have been busily chasing the share price sharply higher. More than 18 million shares were traded as the price rose op to 301p. That is the equivalent of adding 2.25 points to the FT-SE 100 index.

One, leading New York securities house is known to have bought at least 10 million shares in the form of American Depository Receipts ahead of third-quarter figures, due next week, which are expected to reveal a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax

There was also talk in the market that BT was planning heavy job cuts and reducing its spending programme by £600 million a year. But BT said: "We spent £2.4 billion last year and are likely to spend nearer £3 billion this year. We have no plans for a reduction."

Last year BT made a number of presentations to American investors in an attempt to increase its profile in the US after several large acquisitions.

The rest of the equity market recovered from a cautious start to end on a high note helped by an encouraging start to trading on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index closed 15.3 higher at 2,337.3. Turn-

over of 572 million shares was boosted by an overnight two way programme trade carried out by BZW, the broker, amounting to 157 million The narrower FT index of

top 30 shares added 11 at 1,864. But government securities spent another cautious

Lister falls

£499,000

Turnover fell from £19.5 million to £17.5 million. This is blamed on a serious reduction in knitwear and house-

The interim dividend stays at 1p, on a loss per share of 3.1p compared with 4.16p

Profits double Profits at AJ Worthington (Holdings), the sewing thread maker and knitwear importer. more than doubled from £99,000 to £217,000 in the six months to end-September despite lower turnover of £1.92 million (£2.01 million). Eps are 1.9p on 9.61 million shares

in issue, compared with 1.7p, on 5 million shares, in 1988. There is no interim dividend (none). The shares climbed 2p

Prism warning Prism Leisure Corporation, the record, tapes and computer games distributor, has issued a warning of static fullyear profits after problems in expanding its middle-of-the-road music into the American and European markets. Interim profits to September dropped almost a third to £228,000 despite sales up 52 per cent at £4.7 million. The dividend is held at 1.5p.

Oceana rallies The Oceana Consolidated Company, the financial services and investment group, is back in the black at half time with a £62,000 profit (£214,000 loss) in the six months to end-September. Total revenue leapt from £309,000 to £3.4 million, after £2.97 million of commissions and fees. Eps are 0.59p (2.15p loss). There is no dividend.

RCO cleans up

RCO Holdings, the cleaning contractor, lifted profits 43.5 per cent to £2.88 million in the year to end-September, on

mrnover up 33 per cent at

£29.9 million. Eps rise 42.5 per cent to 17.23p and the final dividend is 5.4p (4p),

making 8.1p (6p) for the year.

Cashmere deal

Dawson International, the

knitwear group, has signed a 10-year agreement with China

for a continuous supply of top

quality cashmere. Its shares were unchanged at 216p.

Moorfield up

Moorfield Estates, the north of

England property developer, lifted profits 42 per cent to

£1.9 million in the year to October. A final dividend of

2.55p makes 3.75p (1.575p).

Guy von Cramer

We have been asked to state

that Mr Guy von Cramer was at no time a director, share-

holder or employee of Barlow Clowes Investments. This cor-

rects a report in The Times on

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 $ilde{\mathbb{A}}\mathbf{Sears}$ profits downturn in store 140 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Ja

Scottish & Newcastle rose 4p to 334p, after 337p. It looks between various institutions. £205 million for 1991. A number of brokers have

day, registering falls stretching downturn in profits for the financial year just about to get under way. They are sticking with their original estimate of as if Elders IXL is close to £180 million for the year just placing its 23 per cent stake. ended but have lopped £25 word is it will be broken up million from their estimate of

They reckon the group will placed bids for the stock with find it hard going in all the

The City is mystified by ADT's involvement with BAA, down 1p at 398p, where it holds 8 per cent. The golden share blocks unwanted bids and prevents anyone holding more than 15 per cent. Mr Michael Ashcroft, ADT chairman, may want to challenge the Government and is writing to his own shareholders next week explaining his motives for such a large investment.

buying Grand Metropolitan's brewing business. GrandMet was unchanged at 617p.

Sears, the Selfridges and Saxone stores group, came it tough to make any within a whisker of its low, falling 3.5p to 99p after a Last week Sears announced sharp downgrading of profits by UBS Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker. By the close more than 17 million shares had been traded.

Elders. Elders is expected to areas it is involved in from make a decision soon before mail order to retailing, footwear and housebuilding, and give a warning that there is little scope for profits' growth. "The group is going to find

a radical reorganization of its footwear business. Bid speculation continued to drive Sun Life, the life assurance operator, sharply higher with P&D's analysts expect a the price finishing 25p better

Assurances de Paris has been raising money to make acquisitions. It owns 13 per cent of Sun Life, raising hopes that it might choose to bid for the

Last week UAP's name was being linked with Commercial Union, 2p firmer at 499p. Sun Alliance, 6p better at 325p, has bought a 13 per cent stake in CU and a friendly merger cannot be ruled out.

Selective support also boosted the other insurance composites with General Ac cident jumping 17p to £11.49 on revived talk o stakebuilding by the Italian financial services group Generali. Rises were also re corded in Guardian Roya Exchange, 4p to 257p, and

Royal Insurance, 4p to 530p. Revived break-up bid hopes lifted Standard Chartered 8p to 603p, while Barclays Bank rose 9p to 576p on the news it is to extend opening hours National Westminster Banl advanced 6p to 350p and Midland Bank 4p to 388p. But

Lloyds Bank fell 2p to 294p. Rolls-Royce hardened 1p to 178p after announcing its third big contract in little

WH Smith 'A' fell 4p to 317p after a slide in pre-tax profits at the half-way stage from £41.8 million to £35.1 million.

Cray Electronics fell 4p to 61p after announcing a pre-tax loss of £1.35

Laing Properties lost some of its speculative froth as the price boiled over, falling 21; to 574p after some words o caution in Tempus

WORLD MARKETS

Frankfurt rises on Soviet statements

Frankfurt (AP-Dow Jones) aries index dropped 18.8

- The DAX index closes at points to 1,677.0 as a rising 1,822.78, up 9.88 points, but Australian dollar and weakdown from the day's peak of ness on offshore markets kept 1,831.36. Investors actively buyers on the sidelines. bid up prices, cheered by Sov- • Hong Kong — Shares iet statements on the possibi- slumped in continued dull lity of German reunification.

Tokyo - The Nikkei index fell 9.20 points to 2,751.60, closed 26.72 points down at while the broader index lost 37,188.95 after moving in a 7.72 to 1,602.40.

remained on the sidelines.

narrow range in quiet trading Singapore - Share prices as the majority of investors closed mixed with the Straits Times industrial index falling ● Sydney - The All-Ordin- 3.13 points to 1,515.01.

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ange, 4p to 257p, and	.Nth America	474.5	0.7	25.0	0.4	16.2	0.4	16.2
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vived break-up bid hopes	(free)	232.3	0.0	54.1	0.2	39.9	-0.2	43.2
Standard Chartered 8p	Pacific	3589.6	-0.4	3.4	-0.3	10.2	-0.7	-3.9
3p, while Barclays Bank	Far East	5228.3	-0.4	3.1	-0.2	10.0	-0.7	-42
9p to 576p on the news it	Australia	330.2	-0.4	12.5	-1.2	16.0	-0.7	4.6
extend opening hours.	Austria	1707.4	0.0	159.0	0.2	128.6	-0.3	140.8
mal Westminster Bank	Beloium	909.0	-0.7	17.7	-0.4	3.1	-1.0	9.4
nced 6p to 350p and	Canada	522.9	8.0	18.5	0.5	9.9	0.5	10.1
and Bank 4p to 388p. But	Denmark	1265.9	-1.6	53.3	-1.3	35.3	-1.9	42.5
is Bank fell 2p to 294p.	Finland	117.6	0.3	1.5	-0.3	-10.2	-0.6	-5.7
lls-Royce hardened 1p to	(free)	149.7	-0.5	25.2	-0.5	10.8	B.0 –	16.4
after announcing its	France	736.5	-0.7	37.0	-0.4	20.3	-1.0	27.4
big contract in little	Germany	906.6	0.1	59.4	0.5	40.7	-0.2	48.1
than a week.	Hong Kong	2056.0	0.2	7.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
H Smith 'A' fell 4p to	Italy	367.8	0.2	25.5	0.4	11.6	-0.1	16.7
after a slide in pre-tax	Japan	5562.6	-0.4	2.4	-0.2	9.9	-0.7	-4.8
s at the half-way stage	Netherlands	870.5	-0.1	35.6	0.3	19.6	-0.4	26.0
£41.8 million to £35.1	New Zealand	94.3	0.1	10.2	-0.3	7.6	-0.1	2.5
on.	Norway	1419.0	1.3	70.3	1.3	56.8	1.0	58.3
v Electronics fell 4p to	(free)	246.0	20	69.9	20	56.5	1.7	58.0
fier announcing a pre-tax	Sing/Malay	1977.4	1.0	55.8	8.0	38.8	0.7	44.9
of £1.35	Spain	213.6	0.0	7.7	0.3	-3.8	-0.3	0.1
ing Properties lost some	Sweden	1681.9	1.1	39.7	1.1	30.3	8.0	29.9
speculative froth as the	(free)	237.8	8.0	51.2	0.8	41.0	0.5	40.5
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Downfall of a firm with many faces

Dominion International has had many claims to fame. Now the spotlight is firmly trained

on its failure. Martin Waller charts its decline

tors for two things: its former chairman and leading light, Mr Max Lewinsohn, had the agest hair in the City, and the company used to offer cheap funerals to its

In the City itself, however. Dominion has always had other claims to fame, among them the rapidity with which it changed its financial advis-ers and a whiff of doubt which has always hung over the firm.

Mr Lewinsohn's high profile, however, attracted a raft of smaller shareholders drawn growth he was managing in the early years.

"Many people in the City felt he was too clever for them," one early insider rec-ollects. "When I looked at the share register, it was all small ted in because it was a go-go stock. There were no big institutions in there.

"The institutions couldn't make head or tail of the strategy of the company - nor did they trust the quality of its

The somewhat morbid shareholders' perk ended in February, 1988, when the Dundee Crematorium, Mr Lewinsohn's base into which he moved in the mid-1970s, was sold to Great Southern, the funerals group, for £1.4 million. Many believe the real decline in Dominion's fortunes started around then.

Dominion has another claim to fame now it is one of, so far, only a handful of quoted companies to have been pushed into collapse during the current downturn. The appointment of Price Waterhouse as administrator last month effectively put a

What is clear is that at its suspension price last September -- way below its share price peak — the company was valued at £36 million, against loans of more than £100 fore, will not see any of their

Mr Lewinsohn took his company into a wide range of unrelated sectors in search of stability. Until about 1984 it was focused primarily on finance, property and housebuilding and oil. Received wisdom from the company itself was that any substantial purchases elsewhere would upset the balance. But about this time Mr Lewinsohn

• Institutions couldn't make head or tail of the company's strategy - nor did they trust the quality of its earnings 9

changed his tune.

\$3 million, or £2.1 million then, for 25 per cent of Intex, a volving the provision of in-Bermuda-based company set surance against cost overruns up in 1981 to create the world's first fully-automated financial futures exchange. It was the first of a number of diversifications that were to go horribly wrong. In September, 1986, it paid

\$27 million, or £18.2 million, for Transnational of the US,

taking it into the risky area of computer leasing. Summer of the next year was enlivened by a bid ap-

A few years ago, Dominion ment and groups of share- for sale its 59 per cent of Southwest Resources, the mining group it floated in 1980, taking it out of that area altogether. At that the biggest business was US oil and gas exploration and

It was around then that the company's public profile began to change. Never the stock for widows or orphans. Dominion was beginning to be seen as a little too exciting for its own good.

Mr Roy and Mr Don Richardson, the West Mid-lands property developers, and Lord Barnett, the former Labour Cabinet minister, en-tered the scene within a couple of months of each other, late in 1987, but it was the twostage purchase early the next year of Film Finances which brought another pair of brothers to the group and led to the battles which resulted in Mr

Lewinsohn's departure.

Mr Rupert Galliers-Pratt
and Mr Nigel Cayzer were well-known City figures, the latter having taken his mother's name. Mr Galliers-Pratt is chairman of Harvey & Thompson, the quoted pawn-broker, and Mr Cayzer heads Allied Insurance Brokers.

Film Finances came to the group with its own problems, Its business was risky even by Dominion's standards, in-It arrived with a heavy exposure to what was to become one of the decade's worst flops, the fantasy The Adventures of Baron Munchausen. According to Mr Galliers-Pratt, the film had been over budget within a week of entering production in September, 1987.

The year 1988 saw warnings from Dominion over the effects of falling oil prices, a cap on frantic attempts at a proach which come to noth-weak dollar and low savings of rescue by the new manage-ing. Later that year it put up personal finance plans. Laing weak dollar and low savings of



Spanish connection: Dominion Beach, one of the company's holiday developments

continued to be optimistic million for the 1988-89 financial year. In the event, barely half that sum was achieved.

A ginger group put together by the two sets of brothers and other investors began to put pressure on Mr Lewinsohn towards the end of 1988. Mr Lewinsohn and Lord Barnett, then deputy chairman, swapped roles, and the peer was

At the same time, Laing &

& Cruickshank, its broker and Cruickshank, was dismissed in September, amid talks of a financial adviser at the time, in favour of Williams de Broe, In an abrupt volte face, Mr about the company, forecast- Lewinsohn last July announced plans to sell most of Film Finances and move into the US mortgage market. The final shoot-out came at the annual meeting a month later, resulting in his departure just before a vote on his removal. Mr Lewinsohn is adamant

that the two deals he had planned would have put the company back on its feet, a view not shared by the present management, led by Mr Carl Openshaw, the chairman.

refinancing by way of a rights issue. Mr Openshaw admitted defeat in January, and Price Waterhouse was appointed administrator. At the time of the suspension, it was clear that substantial writedowns would have to be made against the value of the group's assets as carried in the balance sheet at the March 31 1989 year-

The administrators' job now is to work out the value of those assets, arrange for their amounts of money return to



Max Lewinsohn: high profile attracted small shareholders

Twists and turns on a downhill road

control of Dundee Crematorium, name changed to Dundonlan. December 1979 — buys housebuilder

Algrey Developments for £3.25 million.

May 1980 — plans to open three tin, tungsten and silver mines in Cornwall. June 1980 — South West Consolidated Minerals floated off, 75 per cent retained. August 1982 — change of name to Dominion and restructuring.

February 1983 — £6.2 million rights issue. August 1984 - buys Anglo-International Investment Trust for £14 million, sub-sequently liquidated. ber 1986 - buys Transnational for

\$27 million.

July 1987 — bid approach "at close to 134p." Talks subsequently terminated.

October 1987 — puts up for sale its 59 per cent of Southwest Resources (the re-named South West Consolidated). November 1997 — departure of four directors, all with long associations with Max Lewinsohn. Lord Barnett becomes

ianuary 1988 - The Richardsons acquire

February 1968 - Dundee Crematorium sold for £1.4 million to Great Southern Group, breaking Dominion's long links with funeral servi February 1988 - purchase of 24 per cent of Film Finances for £4.7 million as

continuing switch from energy to financial April 1988 - purchase of rest of Film

Finances, valuing entire group at £24.6 million and bringing on to Dominion board Profits warning.
August 1968 - reduces stake in South-

west Resources from 43 per cent to 31 per £389,000 at Southwest. December 1988 — Lewinsohn steps down as chairman in favour of Lord Barnett,

becoming deputy chairman.

May 1989 — sale of Guardian Investment
Holdings, Hong Kong-based property
company, for 26.8 million to Southwest
Resources. But flop of Southwest rights ssue, underwritten by Dominion, pushes its stake back up to 45 per cent.

Film Finances to its management for £25 million and buy York Associates, a New York mortgage company, for £29 million. Deal never completed. Pre-tax profils for full year £5.44 million, previous year's restated from £6.6 million to £4.87 million on adoption of "more conservative accounting policies." August 1989 – Lewinsohn quits as deputy

chairman ahead of shareholder action at annual meeting. Sells more than half his August 1989 — Lewinsohn quits as chairman of Southwest.

September 1989 — shares in Dominion

suspended at 52p, valuing company at 236.5 million. September 1989 — final dividend paymer of 3p, already announced, halted after review showing financial position "sub-stantially worse than thought." November 1989 — Lord Barnett and John

Clarke, the non-executive directors, quit January 1990 - Price Waterhouse called in as administrator. Assets shortfall estimated at £40 million.

Finer points of group's assets profile

and readily saleable assets, Transnational, the US computer peripherals leasing company, and the Film Finances • Dominion Credit and Fi-disposal. business. Although the ppearance of the latter on the 1988-89 balance sheet as a subsidiary held for sale at £25 million excited some surprise cured against the loan port- to third parties. The company among City analysts, the comfolio, could eventually be is profitable. its chosen field in the world.

The same cannot be said for some other parts of the group. Dominion has about 150 separate subsidiaries, but around 100 are based in Gibraltar and are merely used under Spanish law for the purchase of the company's flats on the Costa del Sol. Others are dormant. The chief assets outside Film Finance and Transnational

quoted Southwest Resources. Berwin La Roche, a mort-difficulty finding a buyer. at its current price.

satisfied by a sale. The admin-Marwick McLintock, put in istration, which writes per- sold as a going concern. by the bank, who are believed sonal equity plans, to be talking to several in- continued to trade profitably

terested parties. • Property in Texas which has already been the subject of ject of an attempted manage-

write-offs of about £6.5 million A stake of about 27 per cent in Intex, the financial futures

more than £30 million, se- services inside the group and Dominion Investment nix i

ment buyout.

worth just short of £1 million gage and pension broker The Spanish properties first phase is complete and largely sold and the second started, and Dominion Heights, not yet started, Building has stopped on site and some contractors are owed money. Guernsey-based Sarhoped the Spanish site can be moner - E. c

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Court of Appeal

Cautious approach by justices urged

[Judgment January 30] It was unwise for justices to stop committal proceedings for a reason which turned upon the correct interpretation of a sectown and country planning legislation, unless it was abun-dantly clear that the interpretadefendant was correct, and that

prosecution was wrong.

If the point was arguable then it was a better course for the stices to commit the defenjustices to commit the dealer dant for trial and to leave such matters of statutory interpreta-tion to be resolved by the crown court judge with the assistance of full argument from counsel.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when grant-ing an application for judicial review to quash a decision of Chichester Justices, on Novem-ber 30, 1988, not to commit Mr

George Knight to the crown court for trial for allegedly failing to comply with enforce-ment notices issued by Chich-ester District Council concerning unauthorized devthe Town and Country Planning Act 1971 provides by section 92: "(1) If, after the

service of a copy of an enforcement notice, planning permission is granted for the retention on land of buildings ... to which the enforcement notice relates, the enforcement paries shall case to base office. notice shall cease to have effect in so far as it requires steps to be Mr Andrew Kelly for the council; Mr Clive Newton for the justices.

MR JUSTICE ROCH said that Mr Knight owned a farm and erected on there a two-storey brick building. On July 24, 1986 he was served with an enforcement notice requiring him to demolice. him to demolish the building to ground level. Mr Knight aprealed against that notice to the

Regina v Chichester Justices, Ex parte Chichester District Council

Before Lord Justice Neill and

Refore Lord Justice Neill and Second enforcement notice dated April 6, 1987 in respect of that extension, requiring demo-lition to ground level. Mr Knight appealed against that

> The appeals against both notices were heard together by an inspector appointed by the secretary of state and the result was that the inspector varied the enforcement notices to require that the first floor should be demolished together with the external staircase and that a new flat roof should be provided. With regard to the extension

> the requirements were that the external staircase should be removed and the building reroofed. The variations were subject to submission of authority and various other requirements.
>
> Mr Knight did not comply with the enforcement notices as amended but submitted two

planning applications to the local planning authority.

The first was for The first was for a single-storey feed store and couversion of external staircases to WCs and offices and was entitled "Removal of first floor and conversion of external stair-

conversion of external stair-cases". That planning applica-tion was granted by the council on February 16, 1988.

The second planning applica-tion was for the "Building" to be converted to to a dwelling. That application was refused on March 7, 1988.

On February 3, 1988 Mr.

On February 3, 1988 Mr Knight had refused to confirm that the first planning apolication was to be taken 25 2 submission of the schemes required by the inspector in the

proceedings.

Two matters had to be observed in construing section 92(1) of the 1971 Act. First, the

definition of building included "any part of a building", (see section 290).

To the extent of those buildings, the enforcement notice was to cease to have effect. Second. Parliament did not

provide, where planning per-mission was granted for the retention on land of buildings to which an enforcement notice related after the service of the enforcement notice, that that enforcement notice should cease to have effect altogether.

Thus Parliament had in-tended that parts of buildings and not merely entire buildings should be affected by enforce-ment notices and by section

What then was the effect of section 92(1)? Enforcement notices ceased to have effect in so far as they required steps to be taken for the demolition or alteration of those buildings. What was meant by the phrase "those buildings"; to which buildings did the phrase refer? In his Lordship's judgment "those buildings" had to refer to the building for the retention of which planning permission had been granted subsequent to the service of the enforcement

justices should have at the buildings for planning permission was

The parts of the buildings which were already on the land without permission which were detailed on those documents were to be retained. To that ceased to have effect.

That result not only gave the section its ordinary and natural meaning but accorded with common sense. There was no need to demolish the original building constructed without planning permission in its entirety.

The building constructed by Mr Knight had to be altered and parts of it removed so that it became the building permitted by the planning consent which had been granted by the enforce-

His Lordship would order the case to go back to the justices with a direction that they con-tinue the hearing of the committal proceedings applying the interpretation of section 92(1) of the 1971 Act which he had

Lord Justice Neill concurred. buildings for Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr P. R. Brown, Chichester, wuary 16, 1988. Charles Hill & Co, Chichester.

Barcleys Bank plc v Miller and Another, Frank, third

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Staughton (Judgment January 18)

Although the court would not ordinarily accede to an applica-tion to dismiss an action for want of prosecution if the limitation period had not expired, where it was open to serious argument whether the claim would be time-barred, the court would dismiss the action. leaving the claimant to institute fresh proceedings if he chose to

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the defendants. Thomas and Pamela Miller, from Mr Justice McKinnon who had affirmed the decision of Master Topley striking out for want of prosecu-tion third-party proceedings brought by the defendants against Mr Colin Frank in respect of an guarantee by which Mr Frank was allegedly obliged to indemnify them against any bility they might have to the untilf bank.

Mr Stuart Issaes for the defendants; Mr Michael Malone for the third party.

LORD JUSTICE Liability (Contribution) Act STAUGHTON, having referred to the history of the matter, said that it was apparent from Mr Justice McKinnon's judgment that there was no issue before him but that the defendants had here willing the defendants conceded that the cause of action had accrued in July 1981. The only been guilty of inordinate and inexcusable delay and that there

had been prejudice to the third Thus the sole issue before the judge was whether the claim in the third-party proceedings was

If it were not, then in the ordinary way there would be no point in dismissing it for want of prosecution because fresh proceedings could be started promptly: see Birkett v James ([1978] AC 297).

The position would have been different if the claim were dismissed for contumelious conduct, or an abuse of the process of the court. In such a immediately start the proceedings again: see The Supreme Court Practice 1988 paragraph

the defendants was solely a contractual claim or whether it

Deciding whether a highway is unnecessary

County Council Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill of section 116 of the 1980 Act. [Judgment January 29] The requirements imposed on justices by section 116(5) of the Highways Act 1980 when they were considering whether they should stop up a highway were mandatory. Therefore, the justices had no power to dispense with those manufactors.

with those requirements. The Onem's Bench Di-visional Court so held in a reserved judgment when allow-ing an appeal by way of case stated by the Ramblers Association against a decision of the Folkestone Justices on March 10, 1989 to stop up certain parts

Ramblers Association v Kent ing to the Ministry of Defence on the ground that they were unnecessary within the meaning

Section 116 of the 1980 Act.
Section 116 of the Highways
Act 1980 provides: "(1) Subject
to the provisions of this section,
if it appears to a magistrates'
court...that a highway...(a)
is unnecessary...the court may
by order authorize it to be stopped up or, as the case may be, to be diversed." Mr George Laurence for the Rambiers Association; Mr Si-mon Blackford for Kent County

Council: Mr Eian Caws for the Ministry of Defence. LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that in deciding if a highway was unmocessary so that it could be stopped up,

public, then the justices should concern themselves with that fact. They should ask them-selves for what purpose the highway was unnecessary. It should be unnecessary for the purposes for which the public were using it, for example, in order to get to a certain place or Where there was evidence that the way was currently in use, it would be prima facie difficult for justices to come to

the view that the way was nunecessary unless the public was going to be provided with an alternative. That alternative should be

justices should consider to whom the highway was unnecessary.

If it was for the benefit of the public, then the justices should the justices could find that the way was unnecessary.
If the justices found that the

> which they should take into account when considering if the way was unnecessary. His Lordship hoped that those guidelines would assist justices when considering the term "unnecessary" in section 116 of the 1980 Act.

Mr Justice Pill agreed. Solicitors: Peariman, Grazin & Co, Leeds; Mr George W, Swift, Maidstone; Treasury

which is thought to be close to Dominion Beach, where the nance, a car leasing company • Dominion Financial Manwhere Bank of Boston is the agement, which provides main lender. Its borrowings of computer and administrative

istrators here are KPMG Peat Management, not in admin-

exchange group, in the books Supply, which also holds the against

The administrator, Price Waterhouse, is unable at this and retained its Fimbra early stage to give any break-membership, and is the sub- down of the value of the assets. But sources close to the company have suggested they • The financial services business, providing personal more than £60 million, leavloans, part of Samia Mutual ing a £40 million shortfall at £6 million but unlikely to be Spanish development. The borrowings.

Striking out for want of prosecution

ing the defendants conceded that the cause of action had accrued in July 1981. The only alternative was that it was a claim under the 1978 Act, in which case the cause of action would have accrued in January

The judge rejected any claim under the 1978 Act in the third party notice, and held that there was only a contractual claim, which following the concession, was time-barred.

Mr Isaacs in the Court of Appeal, with leave, had with-drawn that concession. He had further submitted that there were four causes of action open to the defendants: namely, an implied indemnity by operation of law, an implied term of the agreement between the parties, the right of contribution in equity between co-guarantors, and a right to contribution under the 1978 Act

All such causes of action were, in Mr Isaacs' submission, pleaded in the third-party

If that were right the Court of If that were right the Court of Appeal would have to embark on a substantial inquiry on an application to dismiss for want of prosecution, not only as to what causes of action were available to the defendants, but also when the appropriate date for the accrual of the cause of action had been in each case, and whether each of those causes of action could be said to be comprehended in the thirdbe comprehended in the third-

Referring to Birkett v James, his Lordship considered the speech of Lord Diplock (at pp320-321) where he had said that in the ordinary way there was no point in dismissing an action for want of prosecution if action for want of prosecution if the limitation period had not expired.

The only result would be that the only result would be that the plaintiff could issue a fresh writ and far from hastening the final determination of the proceedings they would be yet further delayed because the plaintiff was starting anew. Lord Diplock said that that

considering a case where it was open to doubt and serious argument as to whether the cause of action would be time-barred if a fresh writ were In such a case it might well be that the interests of justice were best served by dismissing the

action for want of prosecution leaving it to the plaintiff, if he so chose, to start a fresh action. The alternative was that masters, judges on appeal, and even the Court of Appeal, might become embroiled on such an application in long and claborate arguments as to whether some future action, if brought,

would be time-harred. There was much to be said for the view that masters should not have that task forced upon them when the problem might never arise, and if it did, could perhaps be more conveniently consid-ered in another way.

With regard to the present sction, there were undoubtedly issues which might give rise to difficulty. The question whether section I of the 1978 Act applied to a claim for contribution between co-sureties was one on which the textbooks appeared to

The effect of section 7 of the Act might also give rise to difficulty. Those were quite apart from the question the judge decided as to what cause of action was included in the Accordingly, his Lordship considered that justice would be

better served by dismissing the action for want of prosecution. His Lordship proposed that the appeal would be dismissed, making it plain that he carpressed no view on the point which the judge had decided. The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss

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my sleeve and I soon had everything fixed, including a few 'extras' with the chairman very much in mind.

"It's your pigeon" said the chairman "Just get it right."

One was a clay pigeon shoot and out on the range I thought a little encouragement might not go amiss. Just as

he was about to call I had

my chance: "Your pigeon chairman, I believe".

The right move at the right time? Too early yet to tel but the conference went well and the chairman is set on a

Jersey holiday next year. So, it would seem, I did get it right.

A break, with convention

conference, their first demand is usually for 'something different". The "concrete block" is being increasingly spurned for venues such as zoos, safari parks, museums and boats.

But venue-hunters do not have the choice that the statistics suggest. There are more than 3,000 conference venues in the UK, but when facilities are matched to requirements, the choice can narrow greatly. The demand for space can limit prospects even further.

"We have had to phone 90 venues to find conference space in London," says Heather Francis, of Conference Line, a venue-booking agency. "This also happens some-times in the Midlands, particularly if there's something on at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in Birmingham."

Paul Swan, of Spectrum Communications, a conference production company and consultancy, says: "Someone once told me there were 35,000 hotels in the UK and that one could argue that they are all venues because they each have a place where at least two people can

"Most conferences take place in

marketing chains pursue the con-And because location is always the number one factor, you will find that the really successful conference hotels are easily accessible. The Post House hotels, for example, are close to motorways and have good car

"Probably a third of all UK conferences take place in the Mid-lands because that is easiest for most people to get to. After location, the demand is for facilities and then

After the hotels, business is shared between purpose-built conference centres, which attract the æest events, universities, municipal halls such as assembly rooms, stately homes like Leeds Castle, and the more unusual venues.

Swan says national companies that are members of international groups have tended to hold separate conferences, but, possibly spurred on by thoughts of 1992, are joining forces with their European counterparts to run a big-budget event for a large number of people at a different location each year.

For companies without the overseas connection, "away" con-ferences are declining in popularity Wherever it is, the vital thing will be

to make sure the event is effective

as an increasing number of firms take a more hard-headed approach to the amount of time they are prepared to see staff "off the job", says David Hackett, of the Marketing incentive travel group.
Stephen Kaye, of the Conference

Centre agency, has noted a trend over the past year or two to avoid London because it has become "extremely expensive". Many companies are moving up the M1 to Northampton, Leicester and Nottingham, and down the M4 towards Swindon, Bath and Bristol.

Swan says that conferences are getting shorter. "For example, for product launches it is now common for presentations and hospitality to be confined to half-days, with two different audiences on the same day." Audience participation is growing, in some cases supported by electronic-response systems in

key pads to indicate responses to questions from the platform and the response is instantly converted into computer graphic representations on video screens.

In the corporate sector, the trend towards more businesslike, harder-working and more participative events is confirmed by Chris Edwards, business manager of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster. "Meetings and lunch breaks are shorter," he says. "There is an increasing tendency to spend less time in the main plenary session with everyone together. Instead, meetings tend to break up into small working

esearch conducted by the centre shows that most meetings now last a day or less. "What seems to be happening is that businesses are holding more but shorter meetings and trying to ensure they get the most out of

"Conferences are becoming more sophisticated. The lecturer with his overhead projector is passing into history, and even fairly modest internal company meetings are now

making use of professional produc tion companies, with hi-tech audiovisual and video presentations and elaborate stage sets to sustain interest and punch home the message. Ninety-five per cent of meetings now make use of audio-visual

support."
The increasing demand for quality is having a significant influence on developments in the Swan says. "In the past, the bulk of our work was concerned with helping clients communicate with their sales force, dealers and distributors, but we are now more often communicating with other employees as well."

Hackett sees companies extending their range of conference and travel applications - and putting more effort into original and participatory leisure activities during the conference period.

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The European challenge is acknowledged by Kaye. "As Europe becomes more accessible with the dawn of 1992 and the opening of the Channel Tunnel, the competition among venues will intensify," he says. "The future of UK venues looks uncertain unless they can ensure that their product is better than the best in Europe. Only in this way will they maintain their lead."

VEC leads the way

Expansion heralds a strong future for British venues

the turning point for the UK exhibition industry was the opening of the National Exhibition Centre in

Birmingham in 1976. The centre doubled Britain's exhibition capacity and, for the first time, gave it a venue with facilities equal to those of its Continental

Nevertheless, the NEC is road, rail and air links with the

smaller than its principal West German, Italian and French competitors.

Despite initial scepticism about its location, the centre, established with £40 million industrial fairs and about four from the City of Birmingham, million visitors each year. successfully challenged London for a share of the top sector of the exhibitions mar-ket, undoubtedly aided by its

rest of Britain and overseas. In its first year, the centre hosted 32 exhibitions; last year it was home to more than 100. It now attracts the main

A new halls complex was opened last year and the NEC's 125,000 sq yd capacity 200,000 by the end of the

Complementing the NEC is major development in the conference sector. Britain's first purpose-built convention facility — the International Convention Centre - is scheduled to open in Broad Street, gham, in April next

In west London, Earls Court - which holds the number two spot among UK exhibition venues — is undergoing a big expansion with the dev-elopment of Earls Court 2. Its associated Olympia facility has also increased its capacity in recent years.

Earls Court and Olympia comprise the largest privately owned exhibition centre in the

By early next year, Earls Court 2 would add a further 17,000 sq yds of prime exhibition space to the centre's existing 42,000 sq yds, said Rush Dray, Earls Court Hall director.

Despite the dominant pos-ition of the three major ven-ues, there has been a significant growth of regional exhibition centres, particularly with the renovation of G-Mex in Manchester and the open ing of the new purpose-buil Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow.



Philip Steel, of Couran Design, studies drawings of the International Convention Centre

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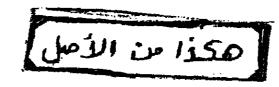
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How the delegates see it: audience participation is growing, in some cases with electronic-response systems in which key pads are used to indicate responses to questions from the platform

eremy Sale is emphatic "People have always spoken about conferences and exhibitions, but we like to put it the other way round: exhibitions and conferences." The director of the Exhibition Industry Federation is underlining the importance of the £1 billion British exhibitions

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"There is now, of course, a close relationship between the two. Few exhibitions will not have some form of conference alongside and, vice versa, conferences and seminars will develop an exhibition ele-

Sale's organization provides the collective voice for the British exhibitions industry. "In Britain, exhibitions are made up of three different strands - organizers, contractors and venue owners whereas in West Germany, for example, it is all one."

More tell and sell

Sale does not see Britain taking on the European exhibition giants after 1992. "With our venue capacity and the size of exhibition halls we have, we'll continue to run highly specialized shows," he says. "We have, however, set up initia-

tives with Brussels and are taking a lead in trying to get a common 'denomination' in Europe, whereby if you exhibit in, say, London or Munich, the definitions, nomenclature and standards are all of one

One of the federation's main aims has been to prove the effectiveness of exhibitions as a marketing medium. "We don't really know yet As the industry

grows, conferences and exhibitions move

closer in concept

about the effect of exhibitions on purchasing decisions," Sale says. "Proper research and audited figures were needed, and, for the first time, we have them. Soon, we will begin putting our findings into shape. Our research will demonstrate the benefits."

In the past two years, the industry has been buoyant and has expanded at a great rate. "We are optimistic about expansion prospects in the industry for the next five years," Sale says. The federation's preliminary re-

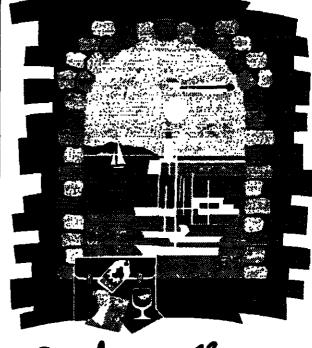
search work into the British exhibitions industry has shown that in 1988, 9.5 million visitors passed through the turnstiles of 651 exhibitions in 46 venues with a minimum capacity of 2,390 sq yds. They generated a total expenditure of nearly £1 billion. In 1984, there had been 467 exhibitions at 26

Further expansion, however, is

limited by the number and size of venues and the dominant position of London and Birmingham. According to Sale, the NEC is the country's "prize venue" for size and modern facilities, but London is still seen as the magnet for exhibitions,

"The business is fairly seasona - you have troughs and peaks," Sale says. "Everyone wants to exhibit at the same times of the year. There is, however, plenty of scope. We want to make medium-size exhibitions more international, thus turning them into bigger ones, and the specialized ones into more specialized ones."

The picture is one of development of tried and tested venues rather than the building of new ones, for which the costs would be prohibitive. Sale says: "Wembley is extending, the Arena in London's Docklands has come on stream and Brighton is thinking of expanding."



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berdeen last year found A itself host to 2,000 Quakers for its university's biggest — and quietest conference. Paul Boness, Aberdeen University's conference marketing officer, says: "This year promises to be noisier; one beoking

includes more than 700 Canadian pipers and drammers." Britain bas three main groups of suppliers of conference facilities: hotels, purpose-built centres such as London's Oueen Elizabeth II Centre and universities.

"Our story is one of growth nd development," says Carole Formen, secretary of the British Universities Accommodation Consortium (Buac), the universities' 19-year-old collective marketing organiza-tion. The universities score over their hotel rivals in three

A new booklet listing 169 exhibitions in the

UK this year has been produced by the Department of Trade and Industry, the British

Federation. Trade Fairs in Britain, which details exhibitions in 34 industry sectors, is an

Campus lessons

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However, conference centres and hotels are available all year round, which is a facility that so far only 20 of Buac's 54 members can provide.

Aberdeen is the most northerly university in Britain, but this has not been a disad-vantage. "It is balanced by the one attraction the others do not have: we're on the doorstep of the Highlands," Boness

Meeting the challenge for public spending cuts has been the main factor behind the universities' becoming a force in the conference busine The market leader, Warwick University, last year earned £3.6 million from conferences - 5.1 per cent of its income. Buse, Box 600, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD (0602 504571).

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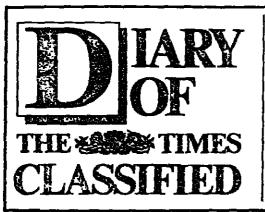
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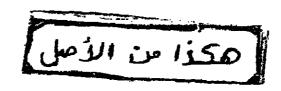
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World bid to catch the gravity wave

A £30 million project to prove Einstein's theory of space-time is being led by Scottish scientists **Pearce Wright**

says their new observatory could unlock the secrets

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nitish scientists are about to take centre stage in a unique international effort to prove the exis-tence of gravity waves: the so-called ripples in space-time predicted by Einstein but which have yet to be convincingly

The researchers have embarked on a multi-million pound enterprise which could provide answers to some of the most baffling questions in astronomy about the age of the universe and how the first galaxies and stars were formed after the Big Bang of creation. Several observatories, linked at points around the world. are needed for the experiments.

Indeed, the new trans-global project could resolve growing confusion. The flood of discoveries by powerful ground-based optical and radar telescopes and spacecraft are introducing more perplexing queries rather than answers to questions.

The invention that should resolve some of the conundrums is a revolutionary type of laboratory in which scientists hope, for the first time, to detect the gravity waves that, according to Einstein's theory, sweep silently and unseen across space from exploding stars black holes, pulsars and the convulsions of other celestial bodies.

But only a handful of scientists worldwide are working in this field. Scotland provides one of the prime sites, at Tents Muir Fo north of St Andrews in Fife, for the novel type of observatory nlanned for detecting gravity waves. It will use a new type of instrument – a laser detector – being pioneered by groups at Glasgow University, the Max-Planck Institute at Garching in West Germany, and the California Institute of Technology, Caltech.

All have built prototypes. Professor James Hough, director of the Glasgow team, believes the gravity wave instruments will give astronomers a new window on to the universe.

"The detection of gravity waves will give new types of information, qualitatively different from those produced by any other observation." he says.

Among the fundamental disputes that could be settled is the argument over the established methods astronomers use to measure distances and occurrences in galaxies far beyond ours. Modern cosmology uses a measurement of red-shift, which is now found to be nfluenced by other factors, and therefore less accurate.

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only 25 years ago. The first builder of gravity wave detectors was Dr Joseph Weber, at the University of Maryland, in the United States. His major device was a 1.5 ton cylinder of aluminium, hanging from vibration-proof mountings in a vacuum chamber. It was meant to be so sensitive that, if a gravity wave passed across it, the stress produced could be picked up electronically by the most delicate

strain gauges.

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More sensitive, metal solid detectors were built 20 years ago, in Glasgow, based on pioneering work by Professor Ronald Drever. Again, they failed to find the clusive gravity waves.

Drever now heads a gravity wave team involving Caltech, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University, California, which has plans for two observatories: one each on the east and west coasts of America.

Proposals have also been prepared for Italian-French and Australian-Japanese gravity wave observatories. A gravity wave "telescope" needs a site free from

any seismic activity. Professor John Saudeman, from the Australian National Univer-sity (ANU), and David Blair, from the University of Western Australia (UWA), have found an ideal place at a sandy area on Wallingup Plain, near Gingin 45 miles north

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Nasa's space shock

A leading partner of America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) has voiced concern over plans to economize on the Freedom international space station project (Pearce Wright writes).

Disquiet was expressed by Professor Reimar Lust, directorgeneral of the European Space Agency (ESA), in an address to the US House of Representatives committee on science, space and technology. He hoped that Nasa would honour the original agreement on co-operation, signed - at President Reagan's invitation with the European agency in 1984, and reinstate the developments on which the agency is spending \$5 billion (£3 billion) as part of the

Europe is worried

about cuts to the Freedom project

multi-billion Freedom space station that was to be launched in

ESA's contribution to the venture is covered by a package of projects called the Columbus development programme. It includes a manned laboratory to be attached permanently to Freedom; a spacecraft called a man-tended free-flyer (MTFF) that would carry experiments back and forth from the manned laboratory into

space; and the polar platform, a second spacecraft for remote sensing, which was to have had its equipment renewed every three or four years from the space station. ESA scientists are having to

scrapping a manned-laboratory module because of cuts in spending on the space station. The proposed redesign of Freedom would reduce the electrical power and other services available for the European projects, making a manned module impractical.

The redesign has also angered

Canada and Japan, which

planned to share in a manned

consider other options, including

module. Nasa still hopes to build the station and have it fully crewed by American astronauts within six months of its 1995 target date. But it has to achieve that while saving 20 per cent of the money first proposed for the project.

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laboratory because there would be no provisions for looking after it. Nasa did not consult its international partners, which together will spend \$8 billion on the space station. But the Americans still

expect those contributions.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Slimming the screen

Scientists are taking longer than

expected to develop a television

thin enough to hang on a wall. But will it catch on? George Cole reports

industry has been promising television sets which are so thin they will hang on the wall like a picture. Yet, despite all the advances in television technology, large flat television screens barely exist outside the laboratory or science fiction novel.

Television sets and computer monitors are bulky because they use a cathode ray tube (CRT). Developed more than 80 years ago, it works by firing a beam of electrons on to a phosphor-coated screen to produce tiny points of light called pixels.

Television pictures are made up of about half a million pixels and the greater the number of pixels, the sharper the image. CRT's give high picture quality and are cheap to make, but they are large, heavy

and use lots of power.
Both the electronics and computer industries want to replace the CRT with flat-screen technology — although for different reasons. The electronics camp wants to develop compact video equipment with crystal-clear pictures; computer companies want portables with high-quality text and graphics.

Finding a replacement for the CRT has not been easy. But Dr Alan Knapp, leader of information display at Philips lab-oratories, says: "Making a flat-screen display is relatively simple; making it cheap enough to com-pete with the CRT is another

Front runners in the race for the flat-screen display are gas-plasma, electroluminescent, liquid crystal display (LCD) and the flat CRT.

Gas-plasma and electrolumine-scent displays work by passing a voltage through gases or chemicals which causes them to glow orangered. Gas-plasma displays are thin - about half an inch thick - and some displays are more than 3ft across and comprise more than

But both systems are expensive

and cannot produce a full-colour display. As a result, they have so far been restricted to military and

LCDs look more promising. These are made by sandwiching a thin layer of liquid crystals between two electrodes. When a voltage is passed through them they twist upright, altering the amount of light passing through. For television displays, the liquid crystals are arranged as a matrix of cells which represent pixels.

LCDs have the advantages of being small, light and using little power. The first LCDs were used in watches, calculators and pocket-sized televisions.

But these early sets gave coarse pictures because their screens were only 2 in wide and comprised just

20,000 pixels.

Modern LCD televisions have
5 in or 6 in screens with almost 10 times as many pixels and use filters for full colour pictures. Sony, Hitachi and Panasonic mar-ket portable VCRs with 5in LCD

Building larger LCDs is difficult because as the screen size increases, the picture becomes poorer. Scientists are developing "super twist" crystals for bigger and better LCDs.

Sharp has demonstrated a 14in LCD screen which is 1 in thick, weighs less than 4lb and has more than 308,000 pixels. Each pixel is divided into four dots, giving a display with more than one mil-lion points of light. It is acceptable for television pictures, but is not good enough for computers. Most lap-top computers use

LCDs, but these are in monochrome and the text is not as clear as that from a CRT monitor. Hitachi and Toshiba recently demonstrated 10in full colour LCD screens with picture quality matching IBM's business graphics standard. Hitachi says its screen could be available by the end of the year.

Several companies, including JVC, Sharp and Toshiba, have



Dr Alan Knapp: we have the technology to make a flat screen but it is too expensive to produce

developed LCD projectors. The pictures they give are not as bright or clear as those obtained from film or CRT, but the quality is improving. JVC recently used an LCD projector in a Japanese cinema and found the audience

reaction encouraging. But not everyone has given up on the CRT. A number of groups are working on flat CRT systems, which will combine a small size

with performance. Matsushita, parent company to Panasonic, Technics and JVC, has developed a beam matrix television which combines CRT and LCD. In a beam matrix set, the phosphors are arranged on the screen in a flat matrix, like liquid crystals. But the set uses a stream of electrons to excite the phosphors, producing

CRT picture quality.

Matsushita has demonstrated

16 in and 4 in screens, with respective thicknesses of four and 2.5 inches, but no marketing date has been set.

Despite the quest for flat-screen displays, millions of pounds is still being invested in CRT production. Knapp says: "The CRT will remain the dominant display system for many years to come. In the meantime, it will get nibbled at the edges by LCD systems."

Nature's way to clean up

Soil microbes are being used to reclaim one of the world's most

Scientists are preparing to decontaminate one of Europe's most polluted sites using nature technologically

polluted sites

The land, nine environmentally unfriendly acres in the centre of Stockholm, formerly housed gas and coke works and a creosom plant. The land is soaked with pure crossote and stands beside a lake used for drinking water. A Cardiff company, Bio-treatment, has won the contract to

make it safe by neutralizing the pollution with laboratory-grown soil microbes.

A gram of soil normally contains about 10 billion microbes. Consisting mainly of hydrogen, oxy-gen, nitrogen, carbon and sulphur, these microorganisms are harmless to humans even if-consumed, but in the soil they slowly break down the complex molecules of chemical pollutants into water and carbon dioxide.

Biotreatment's scientists analyze contaminated soil samples to identify the microbe strain that is attacking the pollutants, then grow it in enormous numbers to be applied in solution to the land to accelerate the degradation.

The company's first case for treatment was a 24-acre dis gasworks site at Blackburn, Lancashire, contaminated with tars, casaire, contaminated with tars, phenols, cyanides, spent oxides and other toxic compounds, typical pollutants in land vacated by Britain's declining industries.

The £840,000 reclamation, financed by a government Derelict Land Grant, took two years and earned Biotreatment a Royal Society of Arts award in 1987. Light dustry is now established on the

More recently, the microbial method was used on 160 square metres of the 120-acre Erdol oil refinery site at Speyer, West Germany. Oil had seeped into the soil and the underlying ground-water. The 21-week operation neutralized almost all the oil and oil bydrocarbons in the area

The Stockholm project, approved by the city authorities last week and being carried out in partnership with Skanska, Scandisavia's biggest civil engineering company, is the first large-scale rechanation by microbial attack in situ—the treatment will be given without land disturbance, whereas in other projects soil is lifted and prepared on site for microbe treatment.

The reason is that hand move ment could spill the creosote, a cancer-inducing pollutant, into the adjoining lake, which feeds a river supplying Stockholm with water. The microbe solution will there-fore be channelled through pipes sunk into the site. Other main targets for microbial attack are refuse sites, where

decomposing paper and food waste produce methane. In Greater Manchester, Biotreatment has gone into partnership with other gase into partnership with different enterprises to tap methane re-leased from a landfill site by the microbial method. The gas then fuels a kiln run by Salvesea Brick. At Arpley, Cheshire, the com-pany is involved with a group that

will use this method to draw out and use methane from a new dump that will receive 13 million tonnes of rubbish during the next 25 years. At peak production the tip will yield six million therms a

ne great advantage of microbial treatment is that the contamination contaminated soil, dumping it on a licensed site and laying down unpolluted soil merely relocates the problem, possibly to worry future generations.

The other environmental advantages are that it is quiet and is done on the spot, while land-strippi on the spot, while land-stripping introduces noisy machinery and lorries travelling to and from the site for weeks.

The company also claims the echnique is 20 per cent cheaper

Dr John Rees, director and general manager, says: "We now have an opportunity to attack the pollutants in our soil. They cause damage to buildings and the contamination of water. And these problems are going to remain if you don't treat them in a thorough

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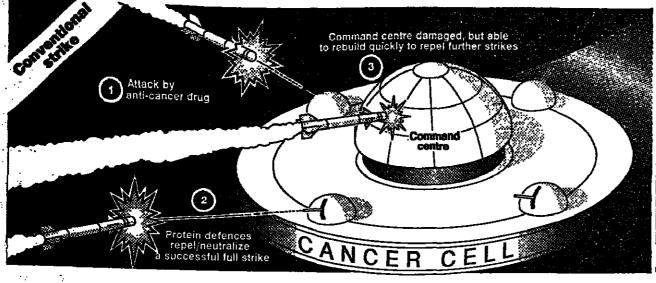
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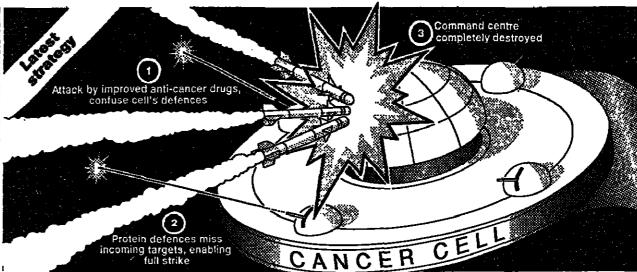
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Firing new shots in cancer war





Scientists are testing weapons to break through the defences set up by cancer cells.

Thomson Prentice says this gives solid hopes for a cure to thousands

with the disease

developed in the war against cancer which will greatly enhance the prospects of sur-vival for many thousands of sufferers in the next few years. Scientists in Britain and the United States are taking what may prove to be significant steps in control of the disease.

They are gaining fundamental insights into how cancer cells grow and thrive in the human body, and how they can be neutralized. Cancer is a cruel disease, not least because it so often stages a lethal comeback after apparently having been defeated. It has the power to resist even the most sophisticated drugs designed to combat it.

Now, however, new means of overcoming this trait are being developed and tested on British patients. At the same time, Ameri-

If some of the drug does penetrate the cell, it may not

destroy it, and the damage can be repaired quickly.

However, doctors have discovered the existence in cancer cells of a protein, called P-glycoprotein, which effectively turns back a wide range of invading drugs aimed at reaching and destroying the core of the tumor

From this insight, it is now possible to employ drugs which can thwart the protein, without diminishing their attacking power. These include verapamil, normaily used to treat blood pressure problems, nifedipine, a calcium blocker, and high doses of tamoxifen, which is successful in the treatment of breast cancer.

After lengthy laboratory trials, these compounds are being tested

on patients in a project organized by scientists at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's clinical

Professor Adrian Harris, head of the Oxford team, says: "It's too early to speculate about cures and long-term survival, but studies now under way are showing that some patients respond to this new method of treatment. Our hope is that by the end of the decade, thousands more patients will be able to live normal, active lives, with their disease under control."

e and colleagues are also testing drugs which prevent cancer cells repairing themselves after a drug bombardment. This work could be important in the treatment of tumours, including lung cancer.
In a third development, it has been found that cancer cells can neutralize drugs by using proteins

called glutathione S-transferases, or GST. To overcome this, Dr

Roland Wolf, head of the ICRF molecular pharmacology and drug metabolism laboratory in Edinburgh, is trying to subvert the proteins so that they work with, rather than against, the drugs. "In some forms of lung cancer,

present treatment can remove all visible signs of the tumour, but one or two cancer cells survive and the tumour invariably regrows," he says. "This is an area of acquired drug resistance where we can come tantalizingly close to a cure, but we can't quite get there."

Monoclonal antibodies, chemical agents designed to seek out and stick to cancer cells, are becoming increasingly important in the ac-curate delivery of cell-killing drugs. Researchers believe that, when combined with resistanceweakening drugs, the effectiveness of these agents is boosted. Meanwhile American research

experimental drug which appears capable of turning cancer cells back into normal cells. They hope to begin clinical trials this year to show that it can cure patients with

different forms of cancer. The compound is based on a new chemical, hexamethylene bisacetamide, or HMBA. It is the result of 12 years work by Dr Paul Marks and Dr Richard Rifkind, of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre, New York, and Professor Ronald Breslow, of Columbia University.

Their efforts, featured in the Channel 4 programme Dispatches last night, provide evidence that cancer cells can behave normally. The challenge now is to develop a drug that is safe and effective. The possibilities are huge, although a great deal more needs to

JOBSCENE

Who controls key skills?

The IT industry is fighting over which

job standards scheme to adopt

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1992 are running into difficulties as professional organizations squabble over control

of the skills standard. organize itself for the last year. One reason for the problems is that anyone can work in IT and there has been no huge demand from staff or employers for a formal registration system.

The British Computer Society (BCS) and the IT services manies' Computing Services Industry Training Council (Cosit) are both part of the National Council of Vocational Ouglifications (NCVO) standards body, but they are at

Each operates career development schemes for companies to help their staff move up the skills ladder. There are bitter rows over which scheme should form the basis of the IT ence standards, and which organization should award NCVQ certificates to steff, as a charge is made for

The debate is dividing the industry. There are problems when staff training under one scheme move to a company which operates only the competing scheme. A marked difference between the two is that Cosit's competence tests can be signed by any supervisor or manager while the BCS allows only its own members to certify

Membership of the BCS is

puting while Cosit draws no distinction between those with degrees and those with on-the-

ne is also in conflict because each charges companies taking the scheme on board. Both see themselves as the future custodian of IT skills standards, although the Government has made it clear they should be "industry led". Alan Taylor, director of the

says: "I would expect the BCS to be the principle standards body within the NCVQ and the quardien of these standards." But Gordon Ewan, director of Cosit, says: "They want a stranglehold on the qualifications to use for their own ends. The BCS wants to take as over and put us out of business. We are understandably reluctant to do that. They are concentrating

cional qualification." Government ministers have placed great emphasis on the aportance of creating workrelated competence standards leading to nationally recognized qualifications, as Britain's workforce lags behind Continental competitors .

too much on a narrow pro-

Sir Geoffrey Holland, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Employment, told a recent conference of IT mangers that the moves to create technical and vocational qualifications are "good news" for Britain. "But," he admitted, the issue of qualifications is a jumble if ever there was one."

The NCVQ has been set the task of approving qualifications, in conjunction with the Training Agency and representatives of iles and professional ssociations.

Leslie Tilley

Computers see the light

An American breakthrough with lasers threatens

devised a method of transforming

Drug resistance has always been one of the greatest and most frustrating obstacles to curing

cancer. While many patients respond well to initial treatment,

some cancer cells survive and

every year 90,000 people in Britain die because even after

success in initial treatment, even-

tually the disease wins the contest,

repelling chemotherapy or making

It does so in three basic ways.

Cancer cells can switch on a defensive system which rejects drugs before they can take effect.

They can also deactivate the

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to put Britain

in the shade

cientists at the Bell Lab-oratories of the American telecommunications giznt, AT&T, have built the world's first digital optical processor, which uses beams of laser light rather than the electric impulses of existing computers. The development is a sign that

Britain, once regarded as the leader in the field, could see vet another technology taken over and commercially developed by

The work is still at a primitive stage with the prototype - a 2ft square collection of lasers, lenses and prisms - only able to operate at a speed slower than most personal computers.

But optical computing, as it is known, promises machines that could be 1,000 times as fast as today's and could finally crack the problems in image and speech recognition that existing computers handle clumsily.

Optical systems offer the potential for far better vision systems in areas such as robots, and the ability for computers quickly to recognize complex images such as a particular human face from a live camera image.

They have the potential to handle millions of tasks simultaneously and their much faster speeds are seen as necessary for such projects as the mapping of the human genetic structure. Optical computers use an array

of laser beams, rapidly switched on and off, which are focused by lenses and then passed on to other optical switches using mirrors. Unlike existing chips, where information comes only from the edges, optical chips would be able to pass information from their surface.

AT&T's interests include using



Step ahead: Alan Huang helped develop the digital optical processor

the computers for switching telephone calls, which are themselves increasingly being sent as beams of light through fibre optic cables. Describing the new processor as

a technological milestone similar to the Wright brothers' first aeroplane, Alan Huang, head of the optical research department at Bell, foresees the possibility of a telephone call in which the spoken words can come out the other end after computer processing as a fax or written computer file. Similarly, he says, video phones could finally become commonplace in the household.

But further breakthroughs will be necessary before optical machines can become commercial products - not least the need to miniaturize the prototype to the size of a microchip so that it can be

mass-produced at an economic

AT&T scientists believe lightbased supercomputers that are far more powerful than existing machines could be available in a decade.

"It's the difference between going to a library and being able to read information from a single book versus being able to read from all the books in the library at once," Huang says.

The idea of digital optical processing was first demonstrated more than two years ago by Professor Desmond Smith, a pioneer in the field, and his team at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh.

For several years he has been warning that without better fund-

ing, Britain's lead in what could be a crucial computer technology would disappear by the end of the

Four British scientists who used to work at Heriot-Watt, and who Huang says are crucially involved in the latest development, are working for AT&T.

"For a start there was a problem with salaries - one person who was earning £13,000 per year here is now getting more than \$60,000 - virtually three times as much," Smith says. "But more importantly the attraction is the funding available, which must be 100 times as much as we have. Here we are struggling to get into the development of components outside of the laboratory.

Huang says: "We owe Desmond Smith a great debt of gratitude, but resources. Here we have access to certain equipment that together would cost more than \$60 million.

Though Smith claims the development is not quite the worldfirst claimed, he agrees that AT&T is catching up and has reached a

e has received funding over the past few years from the European Commission, the Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC), Boeing and the Pentagon for work connected with the Strategic Defence Initiative (so-called "star wars"). But Smith maintains that funding must be much more ambitious if Britain and Europe are to keep up.

"The SERC is looking at funding a joint Scottish project but only to the tune of £1 million. With five Scottish universities involved over four years, it works out at only £50,000 per university each year. We are looking for £10 million."

He hopes, however, that the AT&T announcement will attract attention and money into the field. He says he is talking to The Netherlands' Network Systems International, largely owned by AT&T, about work on a joint programme.

Matthew May

BRIEFING

Radiating concern

The health risk from low level electromagnetic radiation, emitted by computer screens and many household products, should be examined further, according to a study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the American National Institute of Standards and Technology. Researchers say there is insufficient evidence to dismiss potential health risks from the weak electric and magnetic fields found in areas around power lines, radar emitters and even electric blankets.

James Weaver, MIT scientist and co-author of the report, stresses that it did not claim that electromagnetic fields pose a health threat. It argued that the subject should be given more

Back to earth

On Tuesday, scientists began examining the 11 ton science satellite recovered by the Columbia shuttle last month that had spent nearly six years in space and that appears to have suffered more wear and tear than expected. For the first time, satellite designers will be able to study the effects of such long exposure in space with the aim of developing longerlasting satellites.

The original plan of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) to recover the satellite after only 10 months in space was postponed because of shuttle launch delays and the 1986 Challenger disaster. But the delay had its advantages, as scientists now say that the satellite is a mine of information about the effect of long spaceflight.

Walking book

In an unusual public showing of future products in Tokyo, Sony has displayed what it describes as the first electronic book. The Data Discman, which weighs 1lb and is carried in the same way as a personal stereo, will use 3in compact discs which can each display up to 100,000 pages of It can also be used to play music

using the 3in CD single, Sony also displayed a pocket tape recorder --





using a two-hour tape little larger than a postage stamp and providing digital recording - one of many digital audio tape products planned — and a pair of Walkman headphones that are claimed to be able to electronically reduce certain types of background noise, including aircraft engines.

Bug in the chips

Intel, the computer chip manufacturer, has discovered another bug in its powerful new processor, the 486, that will further delay the introduction of the latest generation of personal computers. An earlier bug, discovered in October, has been corrected, and Intel says the new problem can be dealt with by adding other logic devices rather than replacing the microprocessor. Compaq, which was due to start deliveries of computers using the new chip next week says it does not know how long the bug will delay deliveries.

Matthew May

'Checking up on Einstein is now a matter of urgency' distance would resolve the chall- critical but controversial issues minute a year, because of the

his apparent rush to spend such large sums of money in a field of research that has a disappointing record rests on other advances, particularly in laser technology. The new generation of detectors is based on laser beams that bounce back and forth along two stainless steel vacuum tubes, three kilometres long and 1.2 metres in diameter, that are placed at right angles to each

Laser light directed along each pipe is reflected continuously back and forth from mirrors suspended at the ends.

The apparatus is arranged to work on the principle that a gravity wave passing through the Farth will tend first to shorten one arm of the tubes, and lengthen the other, and then reverse the

Hough describes the effect as, first, like squeezing a rugby ballshaped object to a football shape

and then back again. But that imperceptible movement to the eye would be measured by a momentary alteration in the phase of the laser light when it is reflected back along the pipe

from the mirror to a special detector. The influence of a passing gravity wave could scarcely be enough to be called a tremor in the accepted meaning of the word. Hough says the movement de-

tected by the laser system would be one-tenth of a millionth of a millionth of a millionth of a metre: smaller than the diameter of an atom. But if the motion is caused by a gravity wave, the tiny change should be recorded by all the other observatories in the network.

The sites will be linked together by atomic clocks, ensuring that the scientists are certain they have detected the same event.

The use of four observatories and synchronizing them with atomic clocks would be critical for more than just locating the direction of a collapsing star or the effects of the black hole producing the signal.

Professor Bernard Schutz, at the University of Wales, in Cardiff. has suggested how to use the time difference of the gravity signals arriving at a network of observatories, to calculate the distance to events occurring millions of light years across space. An ability to measure that

enge against the method of measurement that astronomers have used over half a century to calculate the distance of galaxies, and hence infer the size and age of the universe.

It is based on a law devised by Edwin Hubble, an American astronomer, in 1929. It explains how light seen on Earth from a receding galaxy is "stretched out" and redder in colour. By measuring the degree of red, known as red-shift, the age and distance of celestial objects can be estimated.

Unfortunately, other mechanisms for causing red-shift have been discovered recently in addition to that taken into account by Hubble's law. Hough says variations in the

interpretation of the red-shift can alter calculations of the age of the universe by a factor of two. But if the red-shift of a galaxy,

quasar or star is observed optically and its distance measured from a gravitational event by the new observatories, then Hubble's constant and the age of the universe can be obtained in an unambigu-

Hough believes that gravity wave detectors could also resolve Sun would run slower by about a which the role of gravity itself

such as ideas for the existence of so-called cosmic strings, invisible loops of incredibly dense mass created in the instant after the Big Bang formed the universe billions of years ago.

Proof of the strings would be one of the most significant breakthrough in astronomy since measurement of the bending of starlight by the Sun confirmed Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

ore important, it would fill a missing gap with which astronomers have been struggling about how and when galaxies began to form. When general relativity is app-

lied to describing the behaviour of our own planet and our neighbours in the solar system, the predictions only differ from Newton's by small amount. Even so, the equations used by Einstein to describe his space-time

effects that some scientists find unpalatable. According to the theory, a clock taken to the visible surface of the

universe produce some curious

Sun's stronger gravity, than if it had stayed on the Earth. Ingenious experiments in Britain and the US showed the same

effect, with atomic clocks running

slower if they were closer to the

When men first visited the Moon, they placed a reflector on the surface of the Moon. For more than 20 years it has been the target for laser beams shot by Earthbound scientists, who have taken thousands of measurements using

the light reflected back. Checking the measurements against estimates based on Einstein's equation, the measured variations in those from the Moon agree to within 25 centimetres of

More astonishing and recently discovered phenomena such as gravitational lenses - in which twin images of a distant object are seen on Earth because of the way the gravity from an intervening galaxy bends the light - are taken as illustrations of relativity at

But it was the rash of discoveries including quasars, neutron stars, pulsars and black boles, in

supplier of energy, that has made checking up on Einstein a matter of urgency. Explanations for their existence

call on gravity having over-

whelmed some of the forces that

sustain, on Earth, the elements that make up the rocks of the planet and its molten core. Ideas such as the immense gravitational forces of black holes, which would slow down clocks and life processes so greatly that a lanse of 10,000 years on Earth would seem like only a few weeks

questions of space and time. A further paradox, on which the gravity wave observatory might shed some light, has arisen in the past two weeks.

to a voyager orbiting a black hole,

have fired imaginations and raised

It has come with the first results provided by the latest spacecraft from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) launched last November, called Cosmic Background Explorer (Cobe). These have thrown into doubt the existing theories of just how the first galaxies and stars were formed from the ball of hot hydrogen gas created by the Big

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



The green machine? David Willis and the motor which he says is powered by radio waves. "As I adjusted the taner to receive the station better the motor began humming like a top," he says

Towards a better mousetrap

British inventor claims he has discovered a limitless source of clean power, tapping in to high frequency radio waves to run engines. David Wills, a disabled former Grenadier Guardsman, has developed a series of prototype motors to demonstrate fuel-less

The 52-year-old Cornishman is convinced his discovery can play a vital role in curbing environmental destruction and global warming by

rendering the internal combustion engine and its fossil fuels obsolete.

Willis, inventor of the world's first "indestructible paint", which has been used to protect the South African tanker, Kuluo, and parts of Oldbury-on-Severa power station in Gloucestershire, accepts that his claims are "staggering".

Nevertheless, he welcomes any of the large electronics companies to scrutinize his work.

According to Richard Paine of Inventalink, a London consultancy that puts inventors in touch with commercial partners, the threat to the environment has become a near obsession among the nation's inventors.

He likens it to the effects of a ferry disaster which appears to galvanize everyone into action, spawning dozens of marine safety devices.

Where Willis differs, however, is that his invention is on a grand scale, with the touch of eccentricity that fits the popular image of inventors. Paine, a former advertising agency executive, says 10 years of the Thatcher Government has

brought a more realistic attitude.
"More of the ideas we are seeing are very well presented. There is less of the scribbled figures and diagrams on the back of an envelope", says Charles Dawes, an inventor, and one of the three-man team that founded Inventalink eight years

Greater use of word processors and computers to better present ideas highlights this trend towards professionalism. Inventors now talk about filling gaps or niches in the market rather than revolutionary

ideas which nobody may want.
The exact number of inventors working in Britain is unknown but Inventalink sees about 1,000 annually. Some do it for a living, whereas others have turned a hobby into a consuming passion.

Their ideas range from Flicker Bear for children, a strap-on arm attachment that flashes bright colours at night, to a vessel that is part ship, part hovercraft.

The vessel, called a Hi-Ship, was designed by John Rilett, of Bibury, Gloucestshire. He claims it uses the The mad inventor

stereotype is far from the new

marketing power of today's ideas men, says Nick Nuttall

same power as a conventional craft. yet can travel twice as fast on its airubricated hull.

To ensure the inventions registered have merit, Inventalink has formed links with experts in various fields. Only a fraction of inventors are finally taken on and promoted, given advice on patenting, presentation and a contract to protect from intellectual theft.

Some large companies still baulk at the notion of independent inventors, Dawes says. But many are starting to recognize the benefits of outside "ideasmen", people capable of cracking a design or engineering difficulty from an overview of the

Some big companies employ a person specifically charged with searching for outside inventions, he explained. Also, instead of beating a well worn path to a company's headquarters, Inventalink is starting to find that businesses are coming to it.

In an attempt to reach a wider audience for British inventions, the company has started publishing Inventions, a monthly newsletter. This is being distributed to leading companies to act as a shopping list for ideas and to spark interest in

evertheless, both agree that there is still the place for the true visionary - the inventor who, standing in the shower or staring out to sea, is suddenly seized by an idea.

So it was with David Willis, who explains that his idea came two years ago, while he was recovering from a long illness. "I was struck by the fact that the Earth and the Sun's magnetic fields allowed satellites to move around our planet," he says. "I began wondering how magnetic forces could be harnessed."

Over several months, he began experimenting with a small motor consisting of coiled magnets that would run on electricity. Willis wondered if this could be designed so that radio waves could act on the and causing them to move. During the following months, he

cobbled together contraptions con-sisting of a magnetic motor, a powerful receiver to collect radio waves, complete with microchip and an aerial.

Late one night, his work paid off. "The radio wave was coming in from BBC Radio Cornwall and to my great astonishment it started to move, using no electricity. As I adjusted the tuner to receive the station better the motor began humming like a top," Willis says.
"The little thing just flew around."
Exact details of his design and its

success are being kept under wraps, but he has built a transmitter and motors that he claims can turn a flywheel without fuel and run his grandson's pram. Willis, whose other commercial-

ized inventions have included a device for use on aircraft that leaks coloured dye if an engine bolt fails, is now designing a four-engined, 12ft wing-span plane for launch in

A spokesman for the electronics group General Electric Company (GEC) says the company is highly sceptical that the device could be harnessed in a useful way, but adds that it would be happy to examine

SCIENCE REPORT

Aids cure a step nearer

family of auti-viral chemicals, described by their discoverers as the most powerful found so far.

Reporting in today's is-me of *Nature*, Rudi Paswels of the Rega In-stitute for Medical Research in Belgium and colleagues show how the chemicals block an enzyme vital to the life-cycle of the Aids virus, HIV-1.

Remarkably, the new chemicals, called TIBO derivatives, are effective in minascale amounts. This means that their toxicity in mans should prove to be lower than that of the Aids

drug AZT, already in use. also far more selective in the kinds of virus they will stop; unlike AZT, for

example, TIBO derivatives have possibility no effect on HIVly related to The new TIBO

derivatives, like AZT and other anti-Aids chemicals such as doC and ddL, which are at present being tested, work by disabling reverse transcriptase, an enzyme without which HIV-I can-

not reproduce. Reverse transcrip forms its vital functions at an early stage in the life cycle of HIV-1, soon after the virus has entered a healthy cell. TIBO derivatives, by blocking reverse virus from hijacking the cell's own biochemical

of itself. Most anti-HIV drugs being developed, including TIBO derivatives, stop the virus at the beginning of its life cycle. But today's announcement follows another report describing the

the fight against Aids different kind of anti-HIV moved a step further chemical, designed to stop this week with the the virus at a much later

In the January 26 issue of Science, T.J. McQuade of the Upjohn Company in the United States and colleagues describe the anti-viral activity of a chemical inhibitor specifically de-signed to block HIV-1 protease, a different type of HIV-1 enzyme from re-

Whereas reverse trans-criptase springs into action as soon as the virus invades the cell, HIV-1 protease enters the story much later on, finishing the job started by reverse transcriptase. The protease tailors the

raw HIV-1 proteins ready for assembly into new virus particles. The American sults show that after treatment

'Results are with the protesse promising... inhibitor, cells there is the infected with HIV-1 produce 2, a strain of the that they will rai particles that Aids virus closestop virus tions than norproduction' mal HIV-1. According

Don Jeffries, head of the Antiviral Testing Unit at St Mary's Hospital, London, protease inhibitors may prove more effective in treating HIV infection in the long run than drugs targeted against reverse

"The initial results with protease inhibitors are very promising and there is the possibility that they will completely stop virus pro-duction without being texic," Jeffries says.

Current research into protease inhibitors suggests that it should be ssible to design one that blocks HIV-1 protesse but spares the body's own arsenal of proteases, kill-ing the lethal virus, but not the body's own cells.

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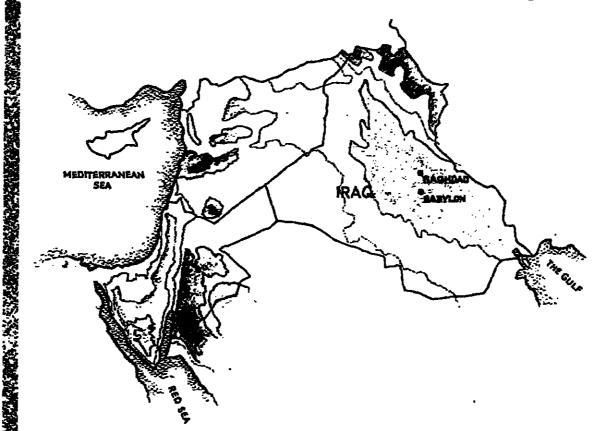
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CRICKET: UNIVERSITIES HAND OUT A LESSON AS SOUTH AFRICA NAMES ITS SIDE FOR THE FIRST FIVE-DAY INTERNATIONAL

Emburey and Foster lead recovery as English XI struggle

From Richard Streeton, Bloemfontein

Eksteen, a left-arm spinner,

and French was brilliantly

caught at deep square leg by

alarms but managed to sur-vive. Foster finally lifted a

catch to long-off; Emburey

was last out hitting across the

line after batting 3% hours.

Dilley, who batted with a

runner, is not expected to take

any further part in the game,

but his troublesome left knee

may allow him to play at the

weekend. Foster and Jarvis

each took a wicket in their first

began their second innings, on

a pitch starting to yield vari-

from the townships during the

day, though the National

Sports Congress (NSC) staged

On the political front, there were no incidents reported

able bounce.

Only determined batting by hint of movement, helped him Emburey and Foster in an eighth-wicket stand spared the English XI the embarrassment of having to follow on against the South African Universities here yesterday. The pair put on 76 during 26 tense overs return from Steyn at midand their team's deficit was restricted to 116 runs. The Universities lost wickets rapidly when they batted again and were 62-5 by the close.

As the players left the field, the names of the South African team for the first of the two five-day internationals, starting in Johannesburg next Thursday, became known. Rice, the deposed captain, has lost his place, as expected, and McEwan, another senior player familiar to English crowds, has also been omitted. It is the first representative side South Africa has had to choose since the second tour by Kim Hughes's Australian team in 1986-87.

Accurate seam bowling by Stefan Jacobs was primarily responsible for the breakdown by the English team's batting, During his first seven overs, he had Barnett and Robinson held at second slip and gully, and then deceived Maynard with a near yorker. He went on to finish with five wickets. Jacobs, aged 23, is in his second season with Transvaal. A nagging length, with just a

Stylish Bevan hits 74 to beat Pakistan

Canberra (Reuter) - Pakistan suffered their sixth defeat on their tour of Australia yesterday when a Prime Minister's XI beat them by 81 runs in a one-day

Michael Bevan, of South Australia, scored a stylish 74 off 82 deliveries and Veletta made a peat 50 to take the home side to 266 for eight off 50 overs.
Pakistan never threatened in reply after slipping from 54 for

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protesters, outside the ground. This time, the NSC secured its own legal permission without keep everyone subdued. Broad was the only Englishman to suggest he was in help from South African cricket officials. A meagre touch, before he and Wells attendance at the match was swelled by seven busloads of black children from township wicket; Broad was taken in the schools, whose visit was made slips as he drove loosely. Then, Cowdrey was bowled around his legs trying to sweep possible by a social and welfare group funded by local

SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM (for first five-day international): S J Cook (captain), A A Donald, H R Folheringham, R V Jenninga (wicket-keeper), P N Kraten, A P Kulser, B M McAditan, R F Flenaar, D B Rundle, R P Snell, K C Wisseld

Hudson diving to his right.
The English XI were 62 runs short of saving the follow-on as Emburey and Foster came together. Both had several

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Sacond Innings
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A C Hudson c and b Foster
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-19, 4-53 BOWLING: Foster 8-4-17-2; Janvis 6-4-10-2; Cowdrey 7-1-23-1; Walls 2-0-7-0; Emburey 3-2-1-0.

ENGLISH XI; First Inning over when the Universities res (6 1, ib 11, nb 11, w2)

another peaceful demonstra-tion, involving about 1,200

BOWLING: Boach 17-1-88-0; Jacobs 24-13-23-5; Extrem 20.3-58-2; Lang 14-2-32-1; Wildman 6.4-1-13-1

Surrey coy about new **West Indies bowler**

Surrey are close to signing a West Indies fast bowler for next season to replace Sylvester Clark, who was dismissed last year, but his name is being kept secret until final details have

been agreed.
Ian Greig, the Surrey captain, and Geoff Arnold, the coach, have been in the Caribbean for the past two weeks on their talent-spotting mission. Greig, now back in Britain, said: "We have got our man ... but to reveal his name at this stage might well harm the deal." Ezra Moseley and Tony Johnson, of Barbados, are believed to be on Surrey's shopping list

along with Tony Gray, of Trini-dad, who played at the Oval between 1985 and 1988. Ian Botham has signed a new three-year contract for Worces-tershire. The county champions will begin their pre-season preparations at a round-robin one-day competition in the Bahamas from March 30 to

part.

● Graeme Wood has been replaced as Western Australia captain by Geoff Marsh, the Australian vice-captain, although Wood led the state to win the Sheffield Shield for each

April 9. Somerset will also take



Gooch passes his early test

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Barbados

Graham Gooch's powers of leadership, which some still strenuously denigrate, were given an unexpectedly early airing here on Tuesday as England made torture of the one match on this tour they could be expected to win without difficulty.

Gooch emerged enhanced from a brush with humiliation, refusing, as the television commercial has it, to make a drama out of a crisis. He impressively established a grip on a team with alarmingly little experience, though the balance of events served only to confirm one's worst fears of what lies As Gooch himself put it, after

the 20-run victory over a Bar-bados second XI: "If anyone thought it wouldn't be hard work out here, they know better England would undoubtedly have been beaten, embarrass-ingly so, but for a crucial few

basic cricketing virtues co-incided with an onset of panic among the young Barbadians. In fact, it was a shower of rain which made the essential The locals, at the time, were

110 for one from 20 overs and cruising to a target of 238 in 50. Gooch hurried his players into the dressing-room where a brief but businesslike lecture was

According to the team manager, Micky Stewart: "We sat down and regrouped. We reminded them of what we had set out to do," Recalled rapidly to the fall Evaluation reposted to the field, England proceeded to take eight wickets for 35 runs. Even then, a spirited last-wicket stand threatened England and Gooch deserves further credit for his reaction when an evidentally plain edge to the wicketkeeper was ruled not out. The pouting and posturing which has soured recent England teams had no

chance to develop here as

to his mark and sharply told the rest of his players to get on with the game.

Pleasing though this was, the stark realities of England's first competitive outing were worrying. Even their fielding was shockingly below standard. Much of the batting was ponderous and the bowling, Fraser apart, profligate.

Lamb's return is urgently required, for without him Gooch is exposed as the one player of proven stature.

Ellcock, the other fitness worry for England, has been referred for "psychological reassurance" to Dr Rudi Webster, once a Warwickshire player latterly manager of Kerry Packer's West Indian team and incidentally, the man who helped introduce Bob Willis to hypnotherapy. Elicock, like Lamb, is already ruled out of

Honeyghan vows to lay bad hands on a triple crown

BOXING

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Honeyghan vowed yesterday to become the first Briton to win the world title three times when he challenges Mark Breiand, the World Boxing Association

Speaking from his training camp near Miami on a trans-atlantic telephone link, Honeyghan revealed to a press conference is London that his old hand injuries had surfaced in training. While they would affect serious sparring from now on, they would not get in the way of realizing his ambition.

"Yesterday I was sparring and my hand hadn't been too had. Then hang, hang, bung and the gay started to wobble and so did my hand. I won't be using it in the gym because I have got to save it for the fight," Honeyghan said. onference in London that his

save it for the fight,"
Honeyhan said.

All the same, he dismissed
Breland as an overrated boxer
and claimed that the Olympic
champion would not be able to
stand up to pressure. "His
boxing ability is overrated,"
Honeyghan said. "He's an ontop fighter. When the pressure is
on him be falls apart. After three
or four rounds he seems to panic. on num he talls apart. After three or four rounds he seems to panic. At the later stages the fight will be in my favour. His legs seem to go and all he does is grab you. I'm going to become the first British fighter to win the world title three times."

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Honeyghan, who suffers from arthritis of the hand, maintained that this bost was not just a big pay-day before retirement. His injuries would not stand in his

injuries. He said that two days before he met Horace Shufford he had damaged a cartilage in his knee and a few days before meeting Don Curry, when he lifted the world title, he injured his hands. Hand trouble did not stop him from knocking out Gene Hatcher in one round,
He claimed that his defeat by
Marlon Starling was not due to
his hands but to being unsettled

way. He was used to boxing with

as a result of being "wound up" by Starling. He had learnt his lesson and would not be upset by any bad-mouthing by Breland. Honeyghan's manager, Mickey Duff, speaking from New York, said that Honeyghan had had no trouble with punching in his last boat, even though he had not been given pain-killers. But unlike Honeyghan, Duff did not underrate Breland.
According to Duff, Breland has "ponted for pound" the hardest punch in the world apart from

punch in the work and John Mugabi. Mike Tyson and John Mugabi. One hopes that Honeyghan will be more successful in his challenger's role than Duff was anditioning for a part in Rocky V in New York. But far from being disappointed, Duff was glad be was not successful. For he had been given the role of a crooked

"They gave me something to read and I realized I was playing the part of a crooked fight manager and am delighted to say I did not read the part too well. There goes my film career," Duff said.

SQUASH RACKETS

Leaders far from leisurely

By Colin McQuillan

Village Leisure Hotels, the sur-prise early leaders of the Pimm's premier league, returned to the championship battle this week with a resounding 5-0 victory over Allsports Northern in Manchester. Playing on hastily borrowed courts at Grove Park Squash Club after an arson attack put the Allsports courts at the Northern Lawn Tennis Club out of action, Village Leisure moved Geoff Williams to fourth string and brought in the muchimproved Scot, Colin Keith, at

while league attention was focused upon what seemed to be the influential top-of-the-table match in London, where Leekes Welsh Wizards kept their leadership but lost their un-defeated record 2-3 to UTC Cannons, the subtlely quietly moved back into striking distance in second place.

provide Village Leisure with the vital lift into contention against the Cardiff team. Next week the London team must travel to Manchester lacking their two top players, Del Harris and Ross Norman, who are committed to the Mennen Cup in Toronto. Norman's 50-minute 3-1 win over Adrian Davies at second string was the crucial factor in the Cannons win over Wizards, and Harris, although brushed aside by Chris Robertson, strengthens the lower order by his mere presence at first string,

Unless UTC are willing to pay bonness that could amount to more than £20,000 to tempt Harris and Norman away from their lucrative Canadian trip, Cannons will face the resurgent Village Leisure team with their normally well-protected lower order leading the line.

Officer leading the fine.

RESULTS: Alisports Northern 0, Village
Leisure Holoits 5; Embasoy Edgbeston
Priory 5, GT Superkings Abbeydale 0;
UTC Carnones 3, Leekes Welsh Wizards 2.

Leading positional Leekes 63pts; Village
Leisure, 55; Cannones 54; Lamba, 32;
Abbeydale, 29; Edgbeston, 21; Northern,
15; Weir Systems, 10.

GOLF

Striking a bond with Connery

From Patricia Davies

According to the man on the radio, the \$1,000,000 AT&T Pebble Beach national pro-am tournament, which starts today on the Monterey Peninsula, is the world's finest golf tournament". Hyperbole, of course. What it could be is the world's best golf party, bigger and more fun than the Masters with 180 onals and 180 amateurs involved, many of them mega celebrities, and three courses, the real stars of the show.
It is also less sedate than

Augusta, more chaotic or, since this is California, perhaps the word should be laid-back. For instance, Sandy Lyle wandered on to the practice ground at Pebble Beach on Monday, en-countered a Scotsman who is still known as Big Tam in parts of Edinburgh, and politely asked: "Who are you playing with?" "Dunno," came the de-Scoticized response, "Who are u with?" "Dunno." Perhaps we could play

They made enquiries and, no just cause or impediment being found to keep them apart teamed up. It should prove a good bond in more than one respect, for Lyle's pick-up part-ner, a certain Sean Connery, is a mean 12 handicapper.

The pros. fresh from the sun and artificiality of three weeks of low scoring in the desert, have to adjust to the realities of proper golf at Pebble Beach. Cypress Point and Spyglass Hill, not easy courses even if the weather is benign, which it threatens not to be this week. It has been raining, something the area needs after three years of drought, and cold, damp and wind are great allies of par, a score that has been treated with contempt so far this season. Bernhard Langer, allowed to play in only five "ordinary"

has resigned from the tour, is here and has ranked all three courses in his top 10.

BASKETBALL: Carleberg League: Sunderland v Manchester (8.0). Sunderland v Menchester (8.0).

BOWLS: Vettee Tropby (women's natlosel club championship): Fifth round:
Teessid v York: Boston v City of By;
County Arts A v Essex County: Pickette
Lock v Desborough: Rugby Thornfield v
Whitekrights: Croydon v Folkestine;
Worthing v East Dorset A; Northavon v
Torbay.

SQUASH RACKETS: Guernsey Open (St

Beter Dors

BASIC PRALL: European circuit.
BOXING: Screensport 12.45-2.15pm: Top Rank event from the United States.
COMMONWEALTH GAMES: BBC1 6.30-9.20pm, 11.05pm-1.10pm and 7-8pm: European 4-5 and 10-1 pm: Highlights of the seventh and eighth day.

EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8.30-

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866 Chelsea Cloister Sloane Avenue, SW3.

Sir, Perhaps I can help deflect

I had wasered £5 with a reputable turf accountant that it would win. Yours faithfully, COLIN CAVE, Heathfield Rise,

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Government cannot cure all football problems Pernicious rule Violence needs other penalties vears, on this is

From the Minister for Sport Sir, I read with interest the balanced editorial, "English Soccer Squalor" (January 30), which correctly says that the 'Government's concern is with public safety and public order". was, therefore, surprised to read in the same edition Squart Iones's assertion that the Government had been "inexcusably

The safety and protection of spectators and of those whose lives are affected by football matches has been at the forefront of the Government's concerns for many years. We have worked with the football authorities to implement mea-

sures to that end. In 1987 we agreed a package included the preparation of local plans in consultation with the local police and the local au-thority about how best to handle football matches, the use of allticket arrangements and of closed-circuit television surveillance of grounds, the promotion of family enclosures and voluntary membership schemes. We are now working with the football authorities, the police and the Italian authorities on

preparation for the World Cup finals this summer. In addition the Government has legislated on a number of occasions in the interests of safety and public order: • to control the sale and

consumption of alcohol • to clarify and strengthen existing legislation on public • to introduce a new offence of hooliganism

London favoured

From Mr Leslie Gale Sir, One wonders why a sportsman playing for a club in the London area appears generally to have a distinct advantage in international selection over one playing for a provincial club— especially if it happens to be a West Country club. Jack Russell, of Gloucester-

shire, had long earned the reputation, amongst wicket-keepers and umpires, of being the finest wicketkeeper in the country, yet the England selectors continued for a considerable period to ignore this and to continue to select the man from Middlesex.

In rugby circles more recently Simon Halliday, of Bath, misses out because his place has been allocated to a Wasps player. Now, because Teague, of Gloucester, has to be recalled on merit, the player chosen to stand down is David Egerton, of Beth, rather than a Harlequins player, although Egerton did all that was required of him against

It would appear that Geoff Ireland. Cooke, the England team manager, made an excuse about this by saying that it was not necessarily a long-term thing. One hopes that in future the selectors will look farther afield and pick the player who most deserves recognition. Yours sincerely.

LESLIE D. GALE. Leighton, 14 Woodland Avenue, Dursley, Gloucestershire.

• to implement major safety recommendations in the Popplewell report to enable the courts to prevent convicted hooligans

from travelling to matches We have also established a National Football Intelligence Unit to coordinate police initiatives against football hooligans at home and abroad. This is a record of action not apathy, but the Government cannot cure all of football's problems for it. The essential message of Lord Jus-tice Taylor's report is that

football must at last face up to its own responsibilities. I en-Yours faithfully. COLIN MOYNIHAN. Department of the

2 Marsham Street. SW1. From Mr Ian MacDonald Sir, I am concerned at the proposals that certain levels of football will only be permissible

in all-seated stadiums Having recently spent a miserable afternoon seated on the cold, hard, uncomfortable benches of New Kilbowie Park, Clydebank, among a sparse crowd of around 800, I am definitely against this type of definitely against this type of stadium, as are many of my fellow supporters who stood at the back of the seating for the whole game. I would add that I have spent a similarly uncomfortable time at Ibrox Park. the stadium now revered by many so-called experts as the

For more than one hundred Accurate passing

From Mr A. Willey Sir, Clive White's article, "The benefits of forward thinking" (January 20), in which he attempts to extol the virtues of forward thinking as postulat by Graham Taylor, the current Aston Villa manager, provides yet another example of the extent to which the average professional soccer manager w go to delude an unsuspecting public into the belief that soccer at professional level is a series of moves and counter-moves determined by manager-coachplayer consultations and pre-match practice.

What in Heaven's name can one make of Taylor's assertion that he bought Gordon Cowans. the ex-Bari Italian League midfield player, some short time ago on the basis of "just three fruitless passes" the player had made in one game in Italy during Taylor's match-play surveillance. Says Taylor: "I could picture us getting some-one on the end of them."

But there is worse to follow. The Villa manager - referring to the sweetnesss of Cowans's passing ability - asserts that he (Taylor) could "turn his back upon half a dozen Villa players and ask them to bit a ball 30 yards and he would be able to tell, just from the sound (my italics), which ball had been

struck by Cowans." The absurdity of Taylor's comments in relation to ball-passing accuracies or inaccu-I. MILNE. Chairman, Army Luge, racies during Football League

by television countries, people have stood to cheer their heroes, and crowds From Mr P.E.L. Brooker far greater than the

SPORTS LETTERS

Sir, At Highbury last Saturday it was announced that the game present-day football crammed the grounds to capacity. In this ainst Nottingham Forest, due to be played on February 10, would be postponed beause of time there have been only a handful of major incidents involving multiple deaths and, while no death is acceptable, in that club's involvement in the Littlewoods Cup; fair enough. It most of the incidents, human error, or failing, has played a was also announced that the game against Liverpool, due to considerable part. be played on February 24, had been rescheduled to Wednes-By all means cut the canacities of grounds if this will help, day, April 18. The reason for this - television. ITV have and this should not prove problematical as capacity decided that they may be able to crowds are few and far between manufacture something like last these days. However, I feel that ason's unforgettable climax to this clamour for all-seated stadi-ums has resulted from an overthe League season, so they

rearrange things to suit themreaction by the authorities. A further point that does not n to have been touched upon there is now no scheduled firstteam match at Highbury until is that while all-scater stadiums may be fine in southern Europe and other countries with better dimatic conditions than our own, if they are to become the norm in Britain they will require to be provided with sliding roofs as there is nothing worse than sitting on wet seats in driving

rain or snow. Some pundits say that stand-ing at football is merely a habit, and a bad one at that. However, it has been the way to watch football in the four home counties and in northern Europe in the past hundred years and, if the fans are given their say, would no doubt remain so for the next hundred years.

Yours in sport, IAN M. MacDONALD, 117 Cairnhill Road, Airdrie, Lanarkshire,

club matches is made crystal clear only by ball possession analysis. For example, in a first division game between Aston Villa and Everton last Novemvina and eventon as tweether, won 6-2 by Villa, they had 125 and 120 ball possessions respectively in each half. Of these figures only seven and twelve moves proceeded beyond the third consecutive pass, while 54 and 42 ball possessions. while 54 and 42 ball posse broke down on the first pass: 45 and 52 on the second, and 19 and 14 on the third. Everton followed a similar pattern. Yours faithfully,

105 Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

A. WILLEY.

Alive and kicking From Colonel J. Milne Sir, Contrary to Chris Moore's report (January 11) British luge is alive and kicking. We have an Army team in Germany who are representing the UK on the international B circuit and next year they will graduate on to the A circuit. We have a structured long-term plan which should take us to the 1992 Olympics. All this has been done in conjunction with, but separate from the British Racing Toboggan Association, so although they have no money we are fortunate to have our own sponsors and therefore can continne sliding. Rest assured, we continue to fly the nation's flag.

might feel baffled, but could scarcely default him. Yours faithfully, P.R. OLIVER Bridge Cottage Little Petherick.

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Sir, There is a very simple, but effective, counter-measure for violence by rugby players which could quickly be introduced by appropriate rule changes into both codes of the same When a penalty is awarded for

dirty play, let the kick be taken not where the offence takes place but in front of the ofending side's posts. Violent players will soon incur the wrath of team-mates if their thuggish actions more easily risk the loss of a cup-tie, or important relegation/promotion points, or — in rugby league — a winning

Such wrath, on top of existing punishments for misdemean-ours, should quickly curb any appetite for foul play which is quite unnecessary in what are — without violence — hard, physical sports.
Yours faithfully,

Saturday, March 17, a gap of seven weeks. What cynical dis-J.B. GRIFFIN regard for the regular paying supporters. Furthermore, the 9 Oakwood Drive. kick-off of the Liverpool match is set for 8.05pm, which means From Mr R.W.F. Samuson Sir, As one who had the good that by the time it is over the available public transport will fortune to play rugby at all levels, I agree that the time has have dwindled to its miserable minimum. Many fans will be

unable to attend this top match because of the rescheduling. Just who are these people who can ride roughshod over established situations? Has the Football League abrogated its right to compile the fixture list? Will the television companies do this from now on? (The answer is an inquest involving admin-istrators, the referee and, in topobviously yes, but only for those clubs ITV consider to be the top level games, the touch judges, plus the television replays. ones, the rest are irrelevant to The pernicious effects of rule If there are no extenuating

by television are already becoming apparent in our domestic game, God help the football fan when the 1994 World Cup is staged in the United States by even more powerful television companies who do not even know what the game is about Yours, P.E.L BROOKER,

The first result of this is that

30 Hamilton Close, Bricket Wood, Hertfordshire.

Literary preference From Mr P.R. Oliver Sir, Cathartic ejaculations may well he essential for sports aces under extreme stress. But why cannot they train themselves to use literary, rather than potentially offensive, anatomical epithets? Olivier's "Himmelkreuzdonnerwetter" (Rattigan) made him feel better without upset-Marilyn. Garbo's Ninotchka let fly with R.W.F. SAMPSON, "Krashnovida", which few could spell, understood, or deemed offensive. If, like Dodie Haselmere Road. Kilmacolm. Smith's child in Dear Octopus, a tennis star were to appeal to "District Nurse", the umpire

Comwall

mood of the national authority seems very short-sighted and unproductive, in that the referee hands the match on a plate to one of the teams, and the game as a spectacle becomes one sided. The offending player

violence.

allowed for the player who has

been sent off, thus ensuring that

the minishment is not meted out

to the remaining 14 players, and

the quality of the spectacle is

maintained. Furthermore, the

referee would not carry the odium of wrecking the game by

Sir, Kevin Moseley's club coach

is reported (January 23), as having said, "instead of waiting

a few days for him to get his act together, they have kicked him when he is down".

Attempting to kick his man

vhen he was down is precisely

sending a player off. Yours faithfully, RALPH BROWNING,

81 Onslow Square, SW7.

From Dr Ben Ross

Moselev's offence.

38 Wykeham Way,

BEN ROSS.

Burgess Hill.

leaves with some hope of etting off lightly. A solution which would meet both of the objectives men-tioned earlier would be that: 1) the offending player would be sent off the field with a statutory six-month ban, subject to confirmation by an international disciplinary committee. This would certainly deter individual players from

come to reverse the alarming, increasing incidence of players Rugby union is becoming more and more professional with squad sessions, team managers, team coaches and training ons, etc., plus allowabl fringe payments not far away. When a player is sent off there is

circumstances I would like to i. The player banned for at least 12 weeks 2. The player never again to be considered for inclusion in international, county, district,

or top-level representative games. In fact, confined to club only.

3. The player who is sent off a d time should be banned for life.

During my playing days (1936-50) the worst offence requently committed was barging in the lineout. Referees differed in their interpretation of that law. Recently I received a letter from a friend who was capped 16 times from 1947 onwards by England and is now an adminstrator. I quote: "I still remember the fun of playing with you in Hylton Cleaver's that's today's missing element: fun."
Yours sincerely

Renfrewshire From Mr Ralph M. Browning Sir. The principal aim of the authorities and players in rugby union is now to provide an exciting spectacle for the thousands who attend the matches, and the millions who watch on television. The authorities have a further objective, in that they must eliminate dangerous and violent play on the field. The present solution of sending off an offending player, with a subsequent punishment which

settled as to whether John McEnroe effects his outbursts tely or just cannot help himself. By his own admission (January 22), if he had known that the rules had been changed to three

McEnroe caught

Sir. At last the argument is

From Mr Derek Howell

stages and not four before being defaulted, he probably would not have thrown the racket. So now we all know he went as far as he could every time, and only got caught because he was not up with the rule changes. Yours faithfully DEREK HOWELL

> A losing wager From Mr Colin Cave

Mrs Jenny Pitman's suspicions of foul play regarding her horse Danny Harrold at Leicester (report, January 31) with a much less sinister explanation for finishing a well beaten

Rishworth, Halifax. West Yorkshire.

Barcelora, Reel Madrid v Castelión, Barcelona v Oviedo and tootball from Augentinas Eurosport 10em-midday and

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MOTOR SPORT: Euresport 3-4pm: High-lights of the 1989 Formula One circuit.

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TEN PIN BOWLING: Screensport 9.15-10.30pm; Highlights of the 1990 Winter Sem. FOOTBALL: Screensport 10-11.4Sem. TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 9-10.25cm. 7-30-9.15 and 10.30cm-10.mm: Sport from around the world. UPDATE: Screensport 7-30cm.

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tion that this year's five nations' championship will

benefit as a speciacle because of the Lious' experience. "I

was encouraged by the first weekend of the champ-ionship," he said.

from each side involved, you

can never be sure how the games will unfold. But there

seems to be an aura of

confidence among the players,

a willingness to express them-

selves, even in the close-

unknown for the depth of their back-row talent, McGeechan

points to the quality at En-

gland's disposal, in that none

of Saturday's trio appeared in

last season's championship side. "Having said that, Dean Richards is unique and Eng-

land will not be able to replace

"They will obviously miss his driving power, though Mike Teague will add empha-

sis to their back row."

McGeechan is too diplomatic

to comment on England's use

emergence in Scotland's cause of Derek Turnbull from injury

and Adam Buchan-Smith's

increased maturity. This gives

him cover on both sides of the

scrum behind Saturday's

flankers against Ireland at Lansdowne Road, John Jef-

"It means you can start

thinking about horses for

courses, but you can only do

that if you have a strong squad

and a good understanding

with them. You have to know

your players very well because, after all, in the play-

er's eyes a cap is a cap and that

is solely what he is aiming for.

It gives a coach flexibility in

his approach to different

games but you have to have a

lot of trust among the people

Despite Ireland's collapse

against England, McGeechan

believes he will have no

difficulty lifting his Scots for

their opening championship game in Dublin. "Away wins are still few and far between.

You only have to look at what

happened in the first 60

minutes of Ireland's game at Twickenham. The Irish could

have had 12 or 15 points on

involved."

frey and Finlay Calder.

Though the Scots are not

quarters stuff."

him totally.

"You get such commitment

Lions coach advises England to hustle and bustle in Paris

Geechan, coach to last year's victorious British Isles and in his second season as coach of Scotland, speaks as much from past experience as present form and with all the wariness that the 1980s have induced in coaches through-

out the four home unions. turn to visit the Parc des Princes and play a French team with Serge Blanco re-stored to fitness and Franck some way to go here before we Mesnel free from suspension. achieve that atmosphere. England, though, have as much reason to feel confident there as any, since five of their team played in the Four Home Unions XV which beat France 29-27 last October (a sixth, David Egerton, is a replacement and a seventh, Andy Robinson, cannot make this year's championship squad). "If you can deny them the ball, deny them room and take the game to them all the time,

"The French are an enigma. I vulnerable as anyone," Mcthink they will be a very difficult side to beat, whatever the circumstances." Ian Momust believe you can play well benefit as a spectacle because against them and one of the easing things of that game in Paris was the way we took the game by the scruff of the neck. "We tend to knock players down in Britain rather than

build them up. That is why I felt certain things were important in Australia with the This weekend it is England's Lions because I wanted players to be as high in their own esteem as possible, and in the esteem of others. We still have "In New Zealand they have

a greater self-esteem because rugby is more important to them. All Blacks are seen as slightly different people. They come through a more competitive infrastructure and they are encouraged to think for themselves at every level, whereas our players are only encouraged to start thinking at the highest level."

McGeechan coached the make them chase as we did in Four Home Unions XV, a October, then they may prove partial reunion of his Lions in of Teague as a No. 8, preferring instead to enjoy the re-

Fouroux hopes for showcase match

The French rugby coach, Jacques Fouroux, last night called for Saturday's five nations' championship match against England in Paris to Pierre Garuet, was sent off by reflect the greatest traditions of the game. Fouroux, speaking less than a

fortnight after the sending-off of the Welsh lock forward, Kevin Moseley, during the inter-national at Cardiff, said that the game must be a model for the sport.
"What happened in Cardiff

was unfortunate. So with that in mind let us be dispassionate in debating Saturday's match against England because rugby is a game played between gentlemen," he said.
"We in France want this to be

a perfect afternoon for rugby. That is what matters before talk winning and achieving mpionships. The outstanding spirit in which the French were received at Twickenham last year is the way this game must go. It is essential for all those who see Saturday's match that a fine spectacle is provided. And discipline by the players is

The French are aware that the message in the lengthy suspen-sion of Moseley is that the game's authorities will fully support referees punishing play-

Gesture of peace to Richmond

A gesture by London Scottish should help heal any wounds in the relationship with Richmond, their co-tenants at the Athletic Ground (David Hands writes). The clubs were drawn at home in the Courage Clubs Championship. Richmond's second-division game with Liverpool St Helens was played on the main pitch and the Exiles' third-division game with Exeter on the second XV pitch.

London Scottish, has offered first use of the ground to Richmond for their Pilkington Cup fourth-round tie against Sale on February 10, and the Scots will play Harlequins at the Stoop memorial Ground.

 The Weish merit table clubs have agreed a formula for the formation of two senior divisions in next season's pro-posed national league. Three years' finishing positions. including this season, in the merit table will determine the 10 clubs to make up the premier division and eight in the first

SCOTLAND

Pierre Garuet, was sent off by Clive Norling in a France against Ireland match in Paris

some years ago.

Fouroux has instilled in his players that discipline is of paramount importance. His players seem to agree. The Freuch outside half, Franck Mesnel, said: "I am sure there will be 30 gentlemen on the pitch. It is certainly important for rugby that that is the case."
After the England victory
over the French at Twickenham, last season, the French

have a deep respect for English rugby. Patrice Lagisquet, the scorer of an outstanding individual try against Wales two weeks ago, believes the manner in which England have developed their game threatens 10 years of French ascendancy in the five nations' championship. "For too long, England played only with their forwards. But

now players like Carling, Guscott and Underwood have enabled them to play a more attacking game and it makes them a far more dangerous side. A team with players of such talent playing 15-man rugby is a

the board, playing the same way, if the ball had gone the other side of the posts." Stonyhurst finish in spectacular fashion

By Michael Stevenson Stonyhurst

Merchant Taylors',.....0 Stonyhurst, having lost only to Mount St Mary's, Ampleforth, and Christ College, Brecon, to set against 15 wins, have enjoyed an excellent season, the end of which they celebrated in spectacular fashion with victory over Merchant Taylors'.

The game was played in thick mud and a chill wind, which made the bravura of Stonyhurst's handling the more remarkable. Only one member season, but none of the side will lack memories of the pleasure that the style of rugby played this winter has given them.

The most crucial ingredient of an exciting side, is the handling expertise of their England Merchant's, outpaced both in score to reasonable proportions (16-0) up to the interval but their tackling and work rate, apart from the fly-half Campbell and the hooker Coats, deteri-

Stonyhurst's first try came from a tap penalty. Anderson and Hayhurst, who had a magnificent game, handled flu-ently before Whitfield crashed over. O'Doherty set up the second; he fed Kay, who broke incisively and timed the scoring pass beautifully to Falzon. Bracken converted both. Ko's try shortly after which men try shortly after, which was made by the speed and enter-prise of O'Doherty, accounted for the interval lead.

In the second half, as the visitors wilted, Stonyhurst's handling, orchetrated by Gradillas, was often breath-taking, as the traffic became wholly one way and the points

SCORERS: Stonyturet: Tries: O'Doherty 3), Bracken (2), Ko (2), Whitield, Fsizon, Mareken, Conversions: Bracken (7), Warneken,

warneken, STONYHURST COLLEGE: LO'Doherty; Ko, A Falzon, N Kay, D Fadeca; N Graditias. K Bracken; P Baladi, Ventharn, C Darwen, E Whitelid, Warneken, I Anderson, P Hayhurat, E Bell warneken, I Anderson, P Hayhurat, E Bell, MERCHANT TAYLOR'S, CROSSY: G Fraser (rep: D Holmes): A Jackson, R Gawith, S Garland, P Durine; J Campbell, S Younger, N Halsall, P Coets, A Willanson, A Heally, S Rufe (rep: H Kyneston), A Turner, S Whoeskie, B Yarwood. Referee: G Seddon (Manchester and District).



Alcock talks Navy through Cambridge, lacking four players on representative duty for various England teams this weekend, led twice and appre-

By Michael Austin

Cambridge Univ.. Royal Navy...

Cambridge could field only six of the team which overwhelmed the Royal Air Force 49-7 the previous week and succumbed to the muscle power of the Royal Navy at Grange Road

yesterday.

The Cambridge scrummage listed throughout but the ingenuity of Booth, whipping away passes at speed, kept them affoat during a frantic match on a raw afternoon While the Royal Navy con-

centrated on the forward grind until releasing their backs late in the game, Cambridge sensibly ran at every opportunity in an annual fixture with a striking change in the recent balance of

The Royal Navy won for the fifth time in the past six meetings, compared with six previous defeats in a row. They have suffered only one

full back and captain in Alcock. He linked tellingly with his threequarters and appropriately scored the match-winning try with nine minutes remaining when he executed a well-timed loop with Speakman, the right wing, and handed off Davies to plunge over at the corner. Bryant, who scored tries from tapped penalty and then from

a scrum, was another definitive figure for the Royal Navy, whose goal-kicker, Kellett, suffered almost as severely as Johnson, of Cambridge, in the Kellett landed one kick, ironi-

cally a touchline conversion, from four attempts and Johnson missed all five on his debut, but gained considerable ground with punts to touch.

Allen, a busy flanker, jinked his way over for Cambridge's first try following an ambitious
45 yard move involving Johnson, Bell and Macdonald from a
tapped penalty. Johnson scored
the other which owed much to
Booth's brick wass from to son. Bell and Macdonald from a Booth's brisk pass from a Referee: B Proctor. defeat in five matches this retreating scrum.

21s match two morths ago.

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ciated the nomadic qualities of a back-row which helped the

Light Blues to victory over Oxford in the inaugural under-

21s match two months ago.

Durham tamed by 14-man Cardiff

Cardiff University 36

Durham University...

Cardiff University, despite hav-ing to play for more than an hour with 14 men, over-whelmed Durham University in virtually all departments of the game in this UAU quarter-final. After 17 minutes, Thresher, the Cardiff lock and younger brother of the Harlequins duo. said was deliberate stamping. Thresher is the first player to be sent off in Wales after Kevin Moseley's dismissal for Wales

against France a fortnight ago. and he can expect a beavy punishment under the new WRU guidelines on foul play. Cardiff, six points up, were undaunted. With a strong wind behind their backs, they exerted a seven-man show on the Durham line and the No. 8. Dver.

By a Special Correspondent scored a pushover try, which was converted by Davies, the full back, for a 12-0 lead. On the half-hour, Price, the Cardiff stand-off, hoisted a towering kick which Woolf, the Durham full back collected inside his 22, but quickly lost possession as Hope, the centre, arrived and then the Cardiff forwards to set it up for Price to

forwards to set it up for Price to

score. A conversion by Davies

from the touchline made it 18-0. With the home side inside the Laurham 22 for almost the whole of the first half, Price scored his second try from a scrum five with a neat blind side break, and they finished an impressive first A minute after the resumption that lead increased when Anderson, the right wing, scored after a stirring drive by the forwards, carried on by the

threequarters.
As Durham had lost players with a procession of injuries, Cardiff continued to dominate forwards and the effective com-bination of their astute half

backs, Evans and Price. Further tries were added by Duly, part of an outstanding back row, and full back Davies, whose touchdown gave him a personal tally of 16 points. Even with the wind behind them much as Durham tried they never looked like breaching the Cardiff defence.

Cardiff play the winners of next week's Excter v Loughborough match in the UAU semi-finals.

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CARDIFF UNIVERSITY: 1. Davies, B Anderson, P Hope, J Connolly, A Davies, K Price, W Evans, J Mantwaring, J Locke, A Cartifiel, D Duly, J Brown, P Thresher, S Butt, P Dyer. Butt, P Dyor.

DURRAM UNIVERSITY: M Woost, M Wade, D O'Leary, N Canning, H Elison, P Le Camp, A Webster, G Wright, R Breardey, P Remble, D Bickle, J Dakin, C Keey, N Martin.

Referee: M Crouch (WRU).

rather too many unforced errors

Wood, a qualifier, was a 7-6,

YACHTING

The Times Championship series of point-to-point races, now in its fourth season, will again this year comprise 27 qualifying events in which the first three to finish will be eligible to enter for the final, run at Towcester over 3m 190lyds on Friday May 25.

This successful competition starts in earnest on March 24, the eighth week of the season, only three races being run prior to this date. In one of these, at the Vale of Clettwr on February 24, David Llewellyn's Spartan Lemon will have another chance of qualifying. Point-to/(-point Championship

POINT-TO-POINT

Times series again

provides chance

for young hopefuls

The Times Championship series THE TIMES

Nedge, under Ron Trellogen. Gulf Of Gold was in the frame four times, as a five-year-old, for his owner-rider, Miles Watson. of qualifying.

The seven-year-old mare started favourite in last year's final, but she did not take well to the stiffer National Hunt fances and finished fifth. To reach the One of these included a win at the Burton in the maiden, three weeks after Richard Russell's Teaplanter had beaten him by half a length in the corresponding event at the Pytchley. final Spartan Lemon came sec-ond in the Llantwit Major These two could renew their rivalry at the Grove & Rufford qualifier, so as a non-winner of an open race she is able to re-

at Thorpe on March 24, David Nicholson's as qualify this season.

Once a horse has been successful in a restricted open Mickey Harris, is again likely to partner Shadow Walker, on whom he won a division of the North Ledbury maiden. The improvement he showed in each successful in a restricted open race it must move up in class. Owners, therefore, when plan-ning their campaign, do not have an easy task in finding a race which qualifies their charge to enter the final race should contine as he ma-tures — he is still only six — and he could be in the line-up at the In consequence, it is usual for the majority of runners at Towcester to come from horses earliest possible occasion, the North Hereford in three weeks'

The ex-Irish Sambuka Boy was given a gentle introduction to the sport last year by his trainer, Graham Pidgeon. He went into every punter's notebook after his comfortable win in a maiden Special efforts will be made to find races for the good crop of last year's youngsters looking assured of early successes in 1990. Of these, in the North, Ellerton Hill may be the pick. at Kimble. If he has not ruled The six-year-old, trained by Jeannie Brown, had only one point-to-point appearance last season when he won a division himself out of the event by winning beforehand, his own hunt, the Grafton, has a qualifier on the last Saturday in March.

cisely the same time as the open race winner, Comarch. Unfortuwinners in 1989 included Ahalin, Baffinland and Brother Michael. In the West Country, nately, however, there is not a limes race in his area until the Nine days earlier, the Black-more & Sparkford Vale will afford the opportunity for the locally-trained Spiticulate. Hav-ing won a maiden in 1988, the change will be making their presence felt as will Hubba in the South and New Lord from the Cotwolds.

But with a new batch of youngsters about to emerge on Spitzburgen gelding, on his only to the scene, who knows what outing last campaign, won an stars of the future may be among early-season adjacent race at them?

April 14: North Staffs Hunt (Sendon) Lecthory (Maismore Park).

April 16: Staintondale (Wyka and Crimen (Hackwood Perk).

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Dates for The Times qualifiers

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that start the season as maiden

of the Derwent maiden race,

under Howard Brown, in pre-

of qualifying.

By Phil McLennan

for the Seagram Grand National following yesterday's publica-tion of the entries for the Aintree spectacular. Weights will be announced on Tuesday.

Corals couple Bonanza Boy and last year's Whitbread Gold Cup winner, Brown Windsor, on the 16-1 mark at the head of their betting. The firm have left Desert Orchid, an unlikely runner, out of their list although Ladbrokes offer 5-1 with a run. Bonanza Boy, only eighth to Linie Polveir in last year's National, heads a nine-strong contingent from Martin Pipe's yard which also includes the

Last year's National form is well represented. Of the first nine home in April, only Little Polyeir (now retired) is not among the entries.

West Tip, the most consistent

among a quality entry include Golden Freeze, Playschool, The Thinker, Bishops Yarn, Ten Of

April 21: Dartmoor (Fiete Park); Pentys (Liantwit Malor). May 5: Fernin (Dingley); Len (Mossharea)

Bonanza Boy early National favourite

Bonanza Boy, the dual Welsh National wigner, was installed 12-1 favourite with Ladbrokes below 105. Two of the entries,

1988 Hennessy Gold Cup win-ner, Strands Of Gold.

National horse since Red Rum, is on course to contest the race for the sixth consecutive season. Since falling when in contention in 1985, Michael Oliver's 13vear-old has finished first fourth (twice) and second 12 months ago. Other interesting possibilities

Spades and Desert Orchid's stable companion. Ghofar. The total entry of 102 is six up on last season despite the in-

Loosemore along the way.

Ekstrand's lack of precision in the second set cost her dearly. "I

too much in the second set."

Pride Hill and Stirabout, are both rated below that mark and are therefore not qualified. GRAND MATIONAL ENTRESS Against The Grain, Ardissee, Attitude Adjusser, Bajan Sunastine, Bankers Benefit, Barires, Bean Alainn, Bigsun, Bishops Yarn. Blue Uart. Bob Tadell, Bonanza Boy, Border Rambler, Brosslona, Brown Windsor, Bucko. Bumbles Folly. Call Collect. Castle Warrier, Clariner Herriwars. Conclusive, Cool Sun, Course Hurner, Dercander. Desert Orchich, Ooctor Busby, Door Latch, Durtsem Edition, Forest Ranger, Geinsey, Gala's Image, Galife Prince, Gee-A, Gernbridge Jupiter, Ghoter. Golden Freeze, Golden Minestrel, Good Waerra, Greenbank Park, Herley, Hungary Hur., Hustworth, Joint Sovereigns, Kittinger, Lastofitebrownies, Manta, Marshander, Mick's Star. Midnight Mad-ness. Michty Mack. Butter Cheller. Moss. GRAND NATIONAL ENTRES: ereigroy, Kittinger, Lanavoo, L'Ane Rouge, Lastorihebrownies, Manta, Marshiander, Mick's Star, Midnight Manta, Marshiander, Mick's Star, Midnight Manness, Mighty Mark, Mister Christien, Mos Greere, Monanore, Mr Frisk, Nautical Joka, North Lane, Otan Lad, Orierta, Oregon Trail, Over The Road, Perris Valley, Playachool, Polar Normad, Polyfemus, Pukka Major, Queensway Boy, Rausal, Red Columbia, Remedy The Massdy, Rhus, Roll-A Johnt, Sacrad Path, Sandciffite Boy, Sargeast Sprite, Sidlern Answer, Silver Ace, Sir Jest, Soleres, Star's Delight, Steerby, Strands of Gold, Tarconey, Tergogan's Best, Team Chailenge, Ten Of Spades, The Langholm Dyer, The Thinker, Thinking Cap. Three Counties, Torside, Travel Over, Two Colst, Uncla Marin, Unicol, West Tip, Why So Hasty, Young Oriver, Zuko, Pride Hill Inct qualified), Strabout (not qualified).

BETTING: Corde: 16-1 Bonanza Boy. Brown Windsor, 20-1 Ghotar, Conclusiva, 25-1 bar. Ladbrokes: 12-1 Bonanza Boy. 16-1 Brown Windsor, 20-1 Durham Edi-tion, The Thinker, Polyfernus, 25-1 bar. • Wassi Port, a leading ante-post fancy for the William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster on March

24, was one of five non-acceptors for the race at yesterday's forfeit stage.

TABLE TENNIS

By Richard Enton

knew if I ran down enough balls
I'd eventually get an error out of
her. She hit big winners but was
inconsistent and tried to go for The boom of the past three years received further impetus yesterday with the announcement that £100,000 is to be poured into an imaginative new dev-clopment fund designed to make the sport even because Wood said.
RESILTE: Piret round: E Krapt (Switz) bt Statiford (US), 6-3, 6-4; 8 Cordwell (NZ) bt J Thompson (Aus), 6-3, 6-0. J Richardson (NZ) bt J Herberington (Cam), 8-3, 6-1; J Durie (GB) bt O Feber (US), 6-1, 6-3; A Leand (US) bt A Devries (Be), 4-0, ret; B Bowes (US) bt A Devries (Be), 4-0, ret; B Bowes (US) bt A Devries (Be), 4-0, ret; B Bowes (US) bt A Devries (Be), 4-0, ret; B Bowes (US) bt A Devries (Be), 4-0, ret; B Bowes (US) bt A Devries (Be), 4-0, ret; B Bowes (US) bt A Devries (Be), 4-0, ret; B Bowes (US) bt A Devries (Be), 4-0, ret; B Bowes (US) bt A Devries (Be), 4-0, ret; B Bowes (BS), 6-1, C Wood (GB) bt M Ekstrand (Swe), 7-6, 6-2, M Jacqued (Aus) bt N Medvedevs (USSR), 6-2, 6-7, 6-2. Every league which submits plans designed to increase its number of members will have its affiliation fees to the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) returned.

possess such a sum, let alone feel able to spend it in this ambitious way. The attempt to broaden the game's base follows on from the great success of a marketing

cess for the national team, a subtantial improvement in the have paid £50,000 to the American holders of the registered trade names Ultimate 30 and Ultimate Yacht Race for the rights to use the names in Britain. Yesterday Sutherland Port to the belief that there is room for substantial further support to the belief that there is room for substantial further development. "The new fund international calendar, about 20 development. "The new fund will strengthen our grass roots, where all the new enthusiasts we

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND

Calmagomi: Snow level, 2,000ft vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: upper, all complete, wide cover: middle, most complete, new snow; lower, most complete, new snow; lower, most complete, ample nursery areas: access roads clear; charifits and tows closed. Glemshee; snow level, 800ft; vertical runs, 1,000ft. Runs: upper and lower, most complete, but narrow, ample nursery areas: access roads clear; charifits and tows closed. Lecte: Snow level, 1,000ft; vertical runs, access roads clear; charifits and tows closed. Lecte: Snow level, 1,000ft; vertical runs, 1,700ft. Runs: upper and lower, and complete, scops roads clear; gandola and charifit closed. Glenches; gondola and charifit closed. Glenches; complete, new snow — driting; access roads clear; charifits and tows: closed. Forecast A mixture of sunshine and snow showers scattered over the eastern resorts of Glenshee, Celmgomi and Lecht. Glenches and Aonach Mor will have frequent snow. heavy in the momeny, becoming lighter by moderation. Cloud will be scantered at 2,000 in the west and 4,000 th the east. Gropping to 1,500 th and 1,000 th respectively during showers. Winds will be assured inches of fresh accumulations, Tomorrow and Salurosy will be sansy, with snow showers, most traquent and heavy in the west. Gale force westerly winds will be prevalent. Freezing levels at 2,000 to replace. ANDORRA 40 110 good varied fair **AUSTRIA** 10 35 worn heavy worn fohn wom but skiable, good snow at Pass Thum 35 90 fair bowder fair fair Plenty of good skiing: some worn and rocky areas Unton 30 70 fair varied art St Anton Upper well used pistes worn; lower pistes good, artificial snow 50 80 good good good cloud All slopes in excellent condition, no queues Arcs 40 65 good varied tair Good skiing higher runs, a few rocks lower slopes Tignes 20 120 tair varieu Most runs open, good on glacler, high winds
Val d'Isere 36 70 good soft good Great skiing most areas, avalanche risk high Thorens 65 130 fair tair go All upper runs closed due to high winds rinia 25 60 good powder good All pistes in excellent condition fine 3 28/1 SWITZERLAND 5 70 good powder clased Good skiing around Bella Lui and on Plaine Morte ead 5 80 1als heavy closed Good conditions upper slopes, slushy on lower slopes sters 7 35 tall varied toy fi Best skling on Gotschna and Parsenn foritz 30 70 good powder good cloud ellent skiing on all open runs, windy at altitude 35 80 good varied tak

Excellent skiing on all pistes ngen 2 10 tair varied closed cloud Reasonable skiing on Lauberhorn and Lager runs

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

GYMNASTICS

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Games medal winners in British team By Peter Aykroyd

James May and Neil Thomas. two English gymnasts who struck gold in the Common-wealth Games, have been rewarded with selection for the British team for the Daily Mirror Champions All international tournament at Birmingham International

Arena on March 31.

May, from Bristol, won the vault final, while Thomas, who is from Liverpool, was successful in the floor exercise. Both had previously won silver medals in the team competition.

May is bringing five medals back with him from New Zealand, the other three being a bronze in the overall individual,

a silver for the rings and a bronze won on the pommel horse.
The British women picked for Champions All, in which representatives from 13 nations will be taking part, are Lisa Grayson the national champion from Redear, and Sarah Mercer, of Mercer, No. 1 in Britain, was ineligible for the Common-

wealth Games as she was born in South Africa and brought up in New Zealand.

All four are likely to be in the British team for the European championships to be held in

Durie's game plan proves a winner There were encouraging wins in Auckland yesterday for both Jo Durie and Clare Wood to take them into the second round of claimed all but three of the last the Nutri-Metics International Overall, it was an aggressive and assured performance, dem-onstrating admirable self-con-trol, although there were still (Barry Wood writes). Durie could be especially delighted with the manner in which she

lian Open.

Durie won 6-1, 6-3, a misleading score because many of the early games went to deuce. In

shead at one stage, at a rate of

more than 50 miles a day as they approach the Macquarie Is-lands, 250 miles south New

Zealand. Yesterday van den

overcame the American, Donna

Faher, the fourth seed, who was

for it to be entirely satisfactory.
Faber, who usually conceals a
timid personality behind a ruthless and efficient baseline game. appeared to be extremely nerthe second set, too, there were problems for the British girl when Faber took a 2-0 lead. But instead of panicking, Durie kept to her game plan, which was to vous and often scemed to put little effort into her shots. 6-2 winner over the Swedish player, Maria Ekstrand, who

For the first time in eight weeks, the lead held by Titouan Lamazou in the Globe Challenge non-stop single-handed round the world race, is being seriously challenged (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Jean-Luc van den Heede in 36.15 Met moved into second place at the weekend and has been closing on Lamazou. which was more than 400 miles

240 miles — about 24 hours.

Van den Heede, aged 44, a professor of mathematics and a disciple of the Bernard Montessier school of simple purity in ocean voyaging, is one of the least heavily sponsored entrants. His two-masted Philippe Harle design lacks the extensive sail inventory and sophisticated auto-pilot of boats like Lamazou's Ecurcuit d'Aquitainne or Loick Peyron's

Lada roca.

Van den Heede spends between seven and cipht hours a
day at the helm as Met races at Heede had narrowed the gap to speeds up to 20 knots through

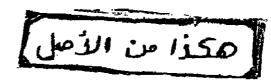
Van den Heede challenges leader

Profile Yachting organization have paid £50,000 to the Americligable for all his races this year. He confirmed the first two (June 15 to 17).

Officials plan to build on recent success

Until recently it would have been considered astonishing that the ETTA should even revolution.
This has helped produce suc-

ton (May 25 to 27) and Hull John Prean, the ETTA chair-



FUGH ROUTLEDGE

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Charlie Nose can continue to justify Henderson's investment

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Towcester today with Charlie Nese (2.25) and First Bout

Having paid 34,000 guineas for Charlie Nose at Doncaster two years ago, the successful Lambourn trainer will be particularly pleased if he manages to win the EBF Novices'
Chase because he still owns

Furthermore, it will also justify his decision to withdraw him at the proverbial eleventh hour from a similar race at Plumpton on Monday, which he appeared to have at his mercy, because the ground on the Sussex track had deteriorated so badly

First time out Charlie Nose had won at Fontwell Park in the style of a horse likely to

him account for Knight Oil on Nicky Henderson looks However, as he has disappointed both in appearance in the paddock and in the race itself at Ascot since, Charlie Nose looks the safer bet.

First Bout looks to have a good chance of winning the Yardley Gobion Handicap Chase even under top weight. He was by no means dis-graced at Kempton 12 days ago when he finished approximately seven lengths behind One More Knight and Katabatic at Kempton.

Nobody would cheer more loudly than myself if their stable companion Le Piccolage were to complete a Henderson treble by winning the second division of the Marston Novices' Hurdle.

The horse in question was continue to pay his way. the late Reverend Bob Obviously, Mighty Fine will Greaves, the vicar of so named to fuel memories of

- invariably on an ex-racer on Chase whom he lavished the greatest care - prior to a visit to his Richard Quinn's chance of

heard occasionally. As he is by The Parson, Le Piccolage is more than aptly named, but in this instance reason may get the better of sentimentality.

For well that Le Piccolage ran on his debut at Leicester, I still doubt him being forward enough yet to cope with Jenny Pitman's very promising sixyear-old Almanzora, who is napped to improve his trainer's admirable record during the past two months.

Terra Di Siena, a very easy winner at Wincanton last Friday, albeit after he had been left in the lead by a faller two fences from home, is be hard to beat if he can Chaddleworth, who often of his light weight in the Charlest Hamming. 3.40 Hgb

reproduce the form that saw toured his parish on horseback Rothersthorpe Handicap

Finally, I like the look of local pub, The Ibex, from riding a double on the pre-where the cry vive le vious all-weather track win-Piccolage" (french slang for ners Jascha (2.40) and Sir long live drinking) was to be Rufus (4.10) at Lingfield.

Bangor called off early The Bangor meeting, scheduled

for tomorrow, was called off erday with parts of the se completely waterlogged. The clerk of the course Bob lavies said yesterday: "We Davies said yesterday: "We looked at the course this after-noon and decided there was no point in waiting any longer. The River Dee is well up to the level of the course, the water jump is flooded and parts of the track

Blinkered first time



TOWCESTER

Selections By Mandarin

3.25 Rock Of Ages. 3.55 First Bout. 4.25 ALMANZORA (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.55 TERRA DI SIENA (nap). 3.25 Rock Of Ages. 3.55 First Bout. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.55 TERRA DI SIENA.

Guide to our in-line racecard

108 (12) 9-9432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 5 Hell 9-10-0 Research number. Draw in brackets. Six-Squre form (F - fail. P -- pulled up. U -- unseated rider. Hospital cours. S -- slipped up. R -- refused. S -- brought down. S -- slipped up. R -- refused. S -- soft, good to firm, hard. G -- good. Owner in culting: J R jumps, F R flat. (B -- binkers. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider V -- visor. H -- hood. E -- Eyeshield. C -- course winner. D -- distance winner. CD -- course and Handisepper's rating.

Going: good to soft

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. 8	. .	COWLEY 10 (Lady Anne Bentinck) J Glover 5-11-8	
. 6	9-6	FALSE ECONOMY 34 (M. Stone) J Edwards 5-11-3	
7		GOLD HAND SO (R Lee) K Balley 6-11-3	11:
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11		SAFFRON PALM 207 (Mrs F Waleyr) F Waleyr 6-11-8	R Chiepenes
- 12	75	SWEETING 66 (R Singer) J White 6-11-3	D Mottle —
13		THEPHINGEOFKINGS (W Smith) S Christian 6-11-3	Mr G Uptee
.14		LITTLE HORSEAD 346 (Mrs A Johnson) M Johnson 5-10-12	S Keightley —
15	42-0491	SOCIAL CIRCLE 42 (G) (CD) (N Smith) N Smith 5-10-12	W irvine (5) 🖼
16		SULETTE (Mrs H Innex) J Booley 6-10-12	M Booley
17	3	STAR PLAYER 13 (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 4-10-7 Y	/ McPadaed (2) @ 2
.78		PIT FOR COUNSEL 200F (Pond House Racing) M Pipe 4-10-2	Pândena ~
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to beat Littingo by

1% I at Notingham (2m, soft). Stable won this race
lest season.

CONFLEY, a tair-performer for Geoff Wragg on the

Flat, shaped with promise when 14/2 and to
Lisesherre Less hurdling debut at Leicester (2m,
good to soft where CHUPPSUTTONS was a claimer

10th.

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2.25 EBF NOVICES CHASE (22,817: 3m 190yd) (16 runners)

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Ť		KANDOOR 9 (F,S) (D Harris) G Baking 7-11-5 J Froot	
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11	2-75	2AM SHORNOCK 13 /K Opden) G Thorner 8-11-5	-
12		SANTETONIN (C Sportborg) C Sportborg 5-11-5	_
13		THE MERCY 15 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 7-13-5 C Liewelys	
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1988: REMEL SONG 7-11-5 S Sherwood (5-15 fav) O Sherwood 10 ran

gan at 110yd, goodj-CHARLIE NOSE rewarded connection's patience when besting Never A Penny by 71 at Fortiwel (I'm 4f, good to soft). Should improve for that outing-leasenty Field had UNCLE RARIGY (8th) and MO REBASE (10th) when beating well-regarded Kright

FORM FOCUS CASTLE CAKE
whet 24 this to Yingun at Newbury Sin, good) and temporarios. Besten 201 by useful Enoy at Ascot time out. Previously best Resibiling Scho by 71 ison (2n 51 110yd, good).
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Course specialists



LINGFIELD PARK

Selections By Mandarin

1.40 Solomon's Song. 2.10 Lurking.

3.10 Bally Knight. 3.40 Pretty Precocious. 4.10 Sir Rufus.

Draw: 6f-1m, low numbers best

Going: standard COMET HANDICAP (E2,385: 6f) (11 runners)

(8) 2000-1 SOLOMON'S SONG 5 (C.D.F.S) (Miss C Spurrier) M Johnston 4-10-1 (700)

(7) 0016-14 SY PAL POPEYE 5 (CD.BF.P) (G Grant) P Mitchell 5-10-0

(8) 00300-40 PREMAIL PREMESE 12 (S) (Mrs. L. May) J Czerpek 4-9-6

(9) 5051-04 ORCHARD'S PET 9 (B.D.BP) (P Stranger) W G M Turner 4-9-3

(9) 5060-0 THME SHARB'S PET 9 (B.D.BP) (P Stranger) W G M Turner 4-9-3

(9) 5060-0 THME SHARB'S (D.P.) (N Wildowsh) D Arbuthrot 5-9-1

(9) 5060-0 SARUMI 28 (D.P.) (N Wildowsh) C Wildowsh 4-9-12

(9) 5060-0 SARUMI 28 (D.P.) (N Wildowsh) C Wildowsh 4-9-12

(9) 5060-0 SUMEYLOCH 5 (P SHOMONIA) J Bridger 5-7-13

(10) 5060-0 SET OLIVER 5 (M Harroch) D Jermy 7-7-7

(11) 6060-0 SET OLIVER 5 (M Harroch) D Jermy 7-7-7

(12) Mandicare: Bet Oliver 7-2. 1.40 COMET HANDICAP (22,385; 61) (11 runners) ... W Ryen . N Ademe NETTHING: 5-2 Sciomon's Song, 7-2 Retion Of Peaclon, 4-1 Vallent Saint, 6-1 My Pai Popeye, 8-1 Burny-Orchand's Pet, 10-1 others. Long handloop: Bet Oliver 7-2.

1980: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

2.10 CHURCHILL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: 22,280: 61) (7 runners) David Eddery 2 QUAS AND ROSES 28 (Mrs P Yong) W O'GORDEN S-0

MAC'S BEST (M McDonnel) M McCorrect S-0

BLISFONTANE 19 (Mrs A Petersen) P Howing S-8

O PLAMBOY/ANCE 53 (5) (P Gerner) J Ringer S-8

MOT HOPE 93 (J Bridger) J Bridger S-9

BERGER 14 (J Wigen) W Heatings S-9

S SUPADUPA 36 (Print and Design Ltd) J White S-9

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MOT 44 21 Judger 3-1 Game And Design Ltd) J White S-9 . R Current . P D'Ares nchel Bildger (7) Deen Mickeown BETTING: 13-8 Luriding, 2-1 Guite And Roses, 5-1 Mac's Best, 8-1 Bluefontaine, 10-1 others.

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2.55 ROTHERSTHORPE HANDICAP CHASE (22,616: 2m 50yd) (15 runners) ... G Bohane (7) A Multipliand (6) R Danwoody 1 21/0025 DUHALLOW BOY 2 (F,G.S) (CD) (J Upson) J Upson 10-12-0_

21/0225 DUHALLOW BOY 2 (F/G,S) (CD) (J Upson) J Upson 10-12-0.
22/64P5 FLAG OF TRUCE 955 (D,S) (F Lee) S Christien 10-11-8.

P-2396-4 ACCLARS 21 (D,F,G) (J Henderson) N Henderson 10-11-6.

P-43412 BENDICKS 15 (D,BF,S) (D Humphreys) A Moore 8-11-4.

F/242F7 TREMAR LAD 311 (F) (A Long) P Davis 6-11-2.

GLEBS 9998EY 13 (B,CD,F,S) (D Solim) B Stevens 7-10-11.

GLEPS 9998EY 13 (B,CD,F,S) (D Solim) B Stevens 7-10-11.

GLEPS 9998EY 13 (B,CD,F,S) (D Solim) B Stevens 7-10-11.

GLEPS 91 (B,CD,F,G,S) (D Solim) B Stevens 8-10-5 (B,CD) B STEVENS 91 (B,CD,F,G,S) (W Dore) D Gendoito 6-10-4.

F110/5-3 BETRITY RIJLES 25 (G,S) (Metal-Woods Ltd) S Metor 9-10-3. .. S J O'Nell els Ltd) P Hobbs 8-10-5 (Sex) Peter Hobbs ds Ltd) S Meter 9-10-3 ... INFINITY RULES 26 (QLS) (Metal-Wo 13 F110/S-3 REPRITY RULES 25 (CLS) (Metal-Woods Ltt) 5 Metal 1-10-5
14 UBSSP LAMA PRINCESS 54 (BF) (Mrs E Whelen) T Casey 7-10-0
15 354/PU-0 IXLFORD 19 (Mrs C Broadsey) P Rensom 10-10-0
Long hendicapt tame Princess 9-13, Kiflord 9-8.
BETTING: 9-4 Terra Di Siena, 9-2 Tramayne, 5-1 Bendicks, 11-2 Duhallow Boy, 4
1-1 Infinity Rules, 10-1 Tramayne, 12-1 others.
1998: SWEET STORM 7-10-7 R Dunwoody (3-1 fav) T Casey 6 ran

FORM FOCUS ACCLAIM weakened 5 out when 401 4th to 5 out when 5 out

GLEBE SPINNEY is a consistent sort and returned ANTENTY RULES week another creditable effort when a 141 3nd to Mr Culck on reappears subsequent scorer Multum in Pervo over course, and distance (good to 5tm), TREMAYNE kept on at Selection: TREMAYNE 3.25 MILL HOUSE CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,562: 2m 5f 26vd) (7 runners) 1620-04 DOMINION TREASURE 22 (BF.Q.S) (M Hubberd) J Baker 5-11-13 W NoFestand (3) • 99

135 NA LA GBII 36 (C.F) (Mrs C Derby) R Simpson 4-11-12. 444 ROCK OF AGES 21 (BF) (8 Ward) M Pips 6-11-5 702 BALLY FREMCHANA 24 (Mrs C Fornsecus) A Devison 6 250 ISOBAR 26 (V.F) (S Delion) S Muldoon 4-11-0. 049025 OVERT 17 (G Chipman) Mas S Witton 5-10-13 ... 850 CHILDREN'S JOE 6 (P Langton) S Dow 4-10-11... S Smith Eccles BETTING: 5-4 Rock Of Ages, 9-2 Belly Franchmen, 5-1 Dominion Treesure, 6-1 Ns. Le Girl, 10-1 Isober, Overt. 16-1 Childrens Joie.

FORM FOCUS DOMENSON

TREASURE 221 4th of

12 to Doc's Coat at Newton Abbot (2m 150)rd,
heavy). Previously 23 27 in of 18 to Rustic Comedy at
Devon (2m 15, soit).

NALA GRIT 74 6th of 16 to Sayours at Keppton (2m

44, good). Earlier 451 3rd of 10 to Good Spark at
Follossions (2m 100)rd, good to firm).

ROCK OF AGES 171 4th of 21 to Social Climber at
Wincarrion (2m 61, good) on his first outing for nearing
James The form of the savored out suit

4f., good). Earlier 45i 37ti or 10 to source operation. Worker Folkestone (2m 100yd, good to firm).

PIOCK OF AGES 171 4th of 21 to Social Climber at Wincartion (2m 6f., good) on his first outing for nearly 2 years. The form of that race has worked out well.

BALLY FRENCHMAN 3I 2nd of 13 to Milinetta in a Selection lon: ROCK OF AGES (map) 3.55 YARDLEY GOBION HANDICAP CHASE (22,902: 2m 5f 110yd) (8 runners) 2/US/6-2 FIRST BOUT 12 (G,S) (W Shober) N Henderson 9-12-0 ... 11041/0 BLUE DART 9 (G,S) (H Paddeld) T Forster 10-11-12

11041/0 BUJE DART 9 (0.5) (1 Profiled) T Forster 10-11-12
1/1131P: FARMES BOY 398 (D.F.G.S) (1 Levele) 6 Beiding 10-11-10
3P4F1F EL GALLED 16 (E.G.S) (1 South) O Sherwood 8-10-10
FUF0-03 TARAHIMMAR 43 (0.5) (Southern Carevar Group) J Gifford 9-10-6
3941-PU SHEER STEEL 28 (8) (Steel Flate & Sociones Ltd) J Subovets 10-10-4
5/81P-US 10(YSTLE SAINT 19 (8) (0 Wheetiey) K Morgan 9-10-6
3020-12 AH HELLO 173 (0.8F,F) (1 Lemon) J Bostock 9-10-0 ace Alt Helio 9-7. BETTING: 9-4 First Bout, 3-1 El Galleo, 9-2 Farmine Boy, 5-1 Tarehumera, 8-1 Ah 1966: FLAREY SARK 12-10-10 D Tegg (6-4) J King 3 rm

FORM FOCUS FERST BOUT 8%1 3rd cl. 5 to One More Knight at Kempton (2m 41, good) on his first start for 21 months. BLUE DART tailed off 9th of 11 to Tidel Stream at Chepstow (2m 41, heavy) on first start for 22 months.

FARMLEA BOY put up best effort on perultimete start when beating the Leggest 2 at Wincarton (2m 61, good to firm). EL GALLEO was clear when 5. Selection: FARMLEA BOY

. R Gireet

a	MARS	TON NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: 21,926: 2m) (18 runners)	
•	22451P	NO CREDIBILITY 19 (D.G) (M. Stewart) B Richmond 8-11-13	7
•	3-	ALMANZORA 377 (Airs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-3	_
ē	6040-2	ANDY BOY 13 (Beimards Ltd Civil Engineers) T Casey 6-11-9 M Lystch	
ă		Alleren to know ette fi Inneren M Pine 5-11-3	_
í	52	SORDEALIX BEAU 23 (6F) (D Neylor-Leyland) O Sherwood 6-11-3 No D Neylor-Leyland	95
Ř	000	RECOKTORUS D 13 (Brooks (Erdek) Wash) LSD J JUDIOUS 9-11-3	_
ž	96	Charvesty 94 AGA /R Marrieth C Brances 8-11-5	7
,	7	Litr DICCOLAGE 23 (Mrs M Chris) N Henderson 6-11-3	
D D	•	MARK KYBO (Mrs I Kermen) J Gifford 5-11-3 T Pinfield (5)	_
2	-	MOUNT TORUS 342 (Mrs P Fellon) S Christien 6-11-3	_
9	=	SALLY'S GEN 13 (M Smith) J White 5-11-3 N Roche (7)	7
3		SOSPIRANDO 27 (C Trussell) J Ringer 5-11-3 B Powell	7
ž	40-0	SUPREME DEALER 97 (J Galvanoni) J Gifford 5-11-9	_
3	Z	THE MOSSES 21 (Lord Leverhaime) T Forster 5-11-8	_
4	_ 9	WOODLANDS GENHERE 70 (Mas M Proces) P Printer 5-11-3 S J O'Nell	_
5	0-0		-
6	9/0-		_
7	5		
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	BETTENG	3-1 Almanzora, 7-2 Bordeaux Beau, 4-1 Angel's Kiss, 9-2 Supreme Dealer, 5-1 La Picco	-

8-1 Andy Boy, 10-1 Mark Kyto, 12-1 others. 1989: FIRTH OF FORTH 6-11-3 5 Sherwood (3-1) 9 Sherwood 15 ran

FORM FOCUS ALMANZORA 9%!

BEAU 77 2nd of 17 to Lissahane Lase at Leicester
(2n, good to soft). The form of that race has worked
with AMDY BOY (same terms) 11 away 5th AMDY
BOY put up best effort last time out, when 10! 2nd of
18 to Ri-Na-Rithern over this course and distance
(good to firm) with SALLY'S (SEW (same terms) 77
8th and BROOKENTHELD (same terms) 12th.
ANGEL'S KDSS, a fair performer on the Flat in
Sweden, makes his hurding debut for Martin Pipa a market move could be significent. BORDEAUX.

BEAU 77 2nd of 17 to Lissahane Lase at Leicester
(2n, good to soft). The form of that reach has worked
out well. GREYSSTY's best effort was on personnel for start when 173 3rd of 12 to Man Of The West at
Merical Racen (2m, good). LE PICCOLAGE showed
promise on his debut when over 10! 7th of 22 to
SupriseME DEALER ran green when neck 2nd of 23
to Cheston in a Netional hurd flat race at Newbury
(2m 100yd, good to firm) on only start to date.

Salection: BORDEAUX BEAU

2.40 CRUSADER CLAIMING STAKES (\$2,364; 7f) (7 rumners)

W Ryan 0 90
Recon 4-8-7 T Williams 91
Hearn Houghton 4-8-7 T Quien 96
8-4 C Ruiter 83 J Codes (5) BETTING: 2-1 Jaschs, 3-1 Chatterle, 9-2 Absolutely Humming, 5-1 Cree Bay, 9-1 Size Disc, 10-1 others. | Columbia 3.10 CHIEFTAIN APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,322: 1m 2f) (8 runners) 3.40 CENTURION HAMDICAP (£2,469: 1m) (12 runners) (10) 01064-4 SECRET LIASON 7 (F) (P Ward) W Turner 4-10-0.

1 (10) 01064-8 SECRET LIASON 7 (F) (P Ward W Turner 4-10-0)
2 (7) 9(06408-PRESEND 24/ (Mrs C Dardord) J White 4-0-4
3 (3) 503169- VALIANT RED 153 (F) (J Swahe) D Marray, Smith 4-8-0...
4 (8) 9(0620-0-HIGH CUNITA 12 (V) (Mins S Warner) N Garsham 4-0-13...
5 (1) 07045-0 MY DIABONDE BRIG 19 (Q.P) (Mrs M Wickinsen) M Usher 5-8-12...
6 (4) 018006- PRETTY PRECOCIOUS 144 (5) (G Tregioun) J Spearing 4-8-10...
7 (2) 433000- MERSEYSDE MAN 114 (V,F) (Am S Scargil) J Scargil 4-8-0...
8 (5) 600005-0 NORTHERN RANN 25 (6) (A Amesisalou) C Alien 4-8-5...
10 (11) 005000- SHOW WONDER 47 (R Lamb) P Howing 4-9-3...
11 (12) 34(05-0) ROYAL HUNT 14 (P Beach) M Madgarick 6-8-0...
12 (9) 000004-0 MERSEYSIDE MAN 4-1 Pretty Precocious, 6-1 Northern Rain, 7-1 Se N Wighest R Worsbess An McKnows C Rutter K Rutter (7) R Morse C 2 J Crains (3) ** . S Weed (5) BETTING: 3-1 Merseyside Men, 4-1 Preity Precoclous, 6-1 Northern Rain, 7-1 Secret Lieson, 6-1 Royal Hurs, 10-1 Valent Red, High Quinta, 12-1 others. 4.10 CHALLENGER HANDICAP (\$2,788: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

QUOS-20 DENTE 9 (5) (Airs P Reisbook) C Hobres 8-7-7 0259-84 CROSEY PLACE 9 (6) (Ales P Westbook) M Heynes 4-7-7 Long hendicen: Crosby Place 7-8. BETTING: 5-2 Sir Rutus, 7-2 Repporteur, 5-1 Crosby Place, 6-1 Dollar Seeter, 7-1 Abobelli, 10-1 Denitz.

Course specialists JOCKEYS TRAINERS Per cent 12.3 37.5 22.2 19.5 15.6 15.0 11.8 T Quitno

Apprentice-find Greaves takes Southwell by storm By Paul Wheeler

months.

She has swept on to the racing

Scene like a whitiwind with her exploits on the all-weather track In December she rode her first In December was rose we amo-winner on Andrews First. Just 50 days later she lost the first part of her apprentice claim. And on Tuesday she rode her

And on Tuesday she rode her first treble.

But Tuesday was not without drama. After her first victory in the Mansfield Handicap on Irish Passage, Greaves had to survive a stewards' laquity.

"They told me to be careful in the firster. It was majoby about the future. It was mainly about my use of the whip, but they

were very understanding.
"The other jockeys have been quite willing to help and give me advice. But I've still got an awfal lot to learn and every bit of advice is very useful."

Later, riding the adds-on Or-

advice is very useful."

Later, riding the odds-on Orchard Court in the Staythorpe Claiming Stakes, Greaves looked to be fighting a lest cause. She was 10 lengths behind the leaders two furlougs out, but conjured up an amazing late burst to overhand Magic Ana by a meck. Ana by a neck. Orchard Court has now won

five times for her at Southwell. "He just got there in time. He's more suited to a nile now, and that was only seven furloags,"
she reported.
When the name Alex Greaves
first appeared on the racecard at
the midlands venue, many ex-

pected a man. "I was christened Alex. It's caused quite a bit of confusion over the years. I went

all through school on the boys' register. People tend to think that I'm a male - until they meet more rides. As it's happened, it seems like I've made the right decision." Now she is very much the

"media darling". However she is not being blinded by the spot-light. The blue eyes may be hright, but they are not star-filled. "I tend not to pay too At first racegoers may have been wary of backing a woman rider. But at the moment she is

rider. But at the moment she is as much the punter's friend as Cauthen or Eddery. With 14 winners from a mere 22 rides, she is enjoying an excellent strike rate of 63 per cent.

Horses have always played a part in the young jockey's life. "I started when I was about five or six. I went through the Pony Chib, show jamping and gymkhauss, and eventing."

Her mother, Val, is assistant trainer to David Barron and Greaves has had a long associ-Greaves has had a long associ-ation with the Thirsk trainer. "I was riding out for David by about 13. I would be there before

school, at weekends and during the helidays."
However, the education was not aeglected. The proof lies with 10 O-Levels, one A-Level and a Higher National diplema in Hotel Catering and Institutional Memoraturet from Level. in Hotel Catering and insun-tional Management from Leeds Polytechnic. She reasoned: "At that time racing wasn't specifi-cally the career I had decided to follow. And this way the qualification is always there if I

licence, when I was 18, in my last year at school. I had a handful of rides, the best was second in a ladies' race at Thirsk." After three years as an amatest it was Barron who sug-gested the switch to the paid ranks. "He thought, with the all-weather in mind, I would get

"When you come from no-where, obviously there's a lot of attention. People are waiting to see what happens," she said. She is still expected in the yard at seven o'clock each

much attention to it, I just hope the hype will settle down soon. My feet are firmly on the floor,

So far Greaves has ridden 13 of her 14 winners for Barron. Her other winner was trained by Norma MacCauley. "It would be nice to get more outside rides. But I'll take one step at a time. And there are pleasty of good horses in the yard," the 21-year-

old said.

Many people still view allweather racing as very much the
phoney war, before the stalls
open at Doncaster next month.

"I'm quite realistic about it, ahe
said, "but I'm determined to
keep going as I have been when
the turf season starts. We'll just
have to see how it sees." the turf season starts. We'll just have to see how it goes."

Greates rode her treble to what could hardly be described as a packed stand at Southwell. But she has so complaints. It may not be quite as regal as Ascot or as glorious as Goodwood, but as she said: "I'd come here every day — but may be I'm a bit biased."

Midfielder aims for Lincoln

Midfielder's Windsor victory yesterday provided trainer Philip Hobbs with his 100th winner, and the same horse is being prepared to achieve another notable landmark for the West Country stable. Midfielder is by far the fastest borse in the yard, and will

attempt to give the trainer his first Flat success when he con-tests the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster on March 24. He is nicely handicapped on 7st 11lb, and has plenty of speed - nothing can live with him at home," said Hobbs, who has saddled only 10 runners on the

The trainer feared the moddy going would stretch Midfielder's stamina to the limit in the Brocas Novices' Hurdle (Division One), but the gel stayed on well enough after taking it up two flights out, beatin lengths.

Flat, three of which have been

Tony Carroll was taken to Slough's Wexham Park Hospital for x-rays to his back after a first flight fall from Deep Water Bay. Lambourn trainer Merrick Francis broke his non-betting rule and invested £10 on Alkinor Rex in the second division. It was a profitable exercise, the trainer picking up £90.30 after the newcomer came home 15 lengths clear of Le Chat Noir.

It was a first Windsor winner for Francis, who said: "This track has been desperately unlucky for me over the years, but I fancied Alkinor Rex strongly — he is twice the horse he was since

a gelding operation in the "I was walking past the Tote, and could not resist having £10 on. I'm amazed he drifted from 5-1 to 8-1 as there was no lack of

Chatsby's winning comeback in the Holyport Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase after two years off with leg trouble

devoted lad Robert Jones Jones is in Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital recovering from minor injuries received in a road accident during last week's storm when he was travelling in the horse box bringing Chatsby back from the abandoned Huntingdon

Danny Harrold in good shape Jenny Pitman was still at a loss

yesterday to explain the poor showing of Danny Harrold at Leicester on Tuesday. The six-year-old's 25 length defeat by Regal Ambition prompted Mrs Pitman to criticize the stewards for not ordering a dope test. However, Danny Harrold has returned to Lambourn in fine shape. "The horse ate up all his grub last night and is as bright as a button today," Mrs Pinman said.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Windsor

Goings soft

1.15 (2m 30 yd hdie) 1, http://el.DER
(Peter Hobte, 6-1); 2, Onespenanship (B
Powell, 10-1); 3, Repest The Dose (E
Marphy, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Spirit
Of Kuris (8th), 9-2 Akdem (5th), 5 Lady
Rossens (8th), 8 Thirty First, 14 Cold
Touch, Donatist, 16 Come Valley Kd., 20
Brookino, Paylins (bd), Sansanar (f), 25
Bro Zamen, 35 Cur Above Average (pu),
Deep Water Bay (f), Doctaider, Employ-ment Law (pu), Fayndour (pu), Minimum
Risk, Roof Ghoet (pu), Princess Sham
(pu), 22 mn, 3, 23, 10, 20, hd, Phobbs et feinehand, Tota: £6.30; £1.80, £2.20,
24.90, DP; £15.20, CSP; £56.48.

24.90. DF. 215.20. CSF. 255.43.

1.45 (Sm ch) 1, THE NeQELSTAN (M Parest, 5-1); 2, Mandraid Starffe (J Coborne, 5-1); 3, Bere Peg (M Furiong, 33-1), ALSO RAKE 13-8 fav Mr Goseip (put, 8 Cons Gien (f), Dienes Destiny (4th), 9 More Fool You (5th), 12 Zummerset (f), 14 Fort Wapping (put, 16 Bridgestown Lad (put, Cerror's Cross (put, 20 Grovelands (5th), Mr Kirby (put, Rhode Island Red (bd), Rostreemer (put, 33-1 Aledem (put, Berley Louf (put, 17 ran. NF: Providence Lodge, Mt, 25, 31 (10, 50. P Hedger at Chichester, Toke: \$5.60; \$2.40, \$2.20, £17.00. DF; \$3.20. CSF; £36.30.

E17.00. DF: £8.20. CSP: £36.30.

2.15 (2m 8' indie) 1. DAT TRAIN (M Planan 2-1 indy; 2. Sieurdiae (D Burnteyworth 6-1); 3. Bustamentie (W Knox, 20-1), 4. Resuch life Douwn (W Mox, 20-1), 1. ALSO RAN: 3 Mississand (Sin), 9 Streight Brandy (pu), 11 Crashing Born (ur), 12 Mrs Pepperpot, Sitent Ring (Sth), 14 Scylin's Chip, Cadord Ciri, is Reg in, 16 Miss Magic, 20 Colonel Chinatray (pu), 25 Sealire, 33 Littlegood Gambler, Wycombe Lady, Jarney Paerl (pu), Freetence, Colory Rise, in Order (pu), 17 Wedden Hut (pu), 22 ran. 101, 21, 3h (n), 3, 3L Mrs J Pitnem at Upper Lambourn. Tota: 53.40, 21.80, 52.70.

2.50, 25.40. DF: £19.40. CSP: £24.02. Tricest: £252.78.

Triceet: £262.78.

2.46 (3m ch) 1, All-Britchten (L. Harvey, 15-2; 2, Pege Of Gold (J. Oebonne, 15-2; 3, Lauderdalle Lad (H. Davies, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fax Sunny Slave (4th, 7-2 Sandicitie Boy (6th), 4 Wharry Burt (put, 14 Kinglor (ur), 20 Borsen Hing (put), Chelle Du Fendassur (put, 25 Roving Glen, Moss Connell (8th), 50 Georgian Bay (put, Hawthorn Jacks (put, 13 ran. MR: Rig Suest, Armette's Veriture, Ransadell, 3t, 6t, 71, 6t, 20t. R. Akaburus et Epsom. Totar (7.0); 22-20, £1.60, £2-30. DF: £12.50. CSF: £95.38. Tricest: £244.58. CSF: 285.36. Theast 2244.38.
3.15 (2m hdb) 1, ALKSHOR REK (M
Richards, B-1); 2, Le Chet Neir (H Davies,
7-2; 3, Christer (R Durmoody, 5-4 fav).
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Petitionst Power (4th), 9
Easy Time, 10 Sporting looi, 14 Disco
Dute (8th), 16 Drametic Event (pu), 20
Porticison Banger, Reedy Wit (R), 25
Shabbaney, 33 Boy Jamie, Butzards
Creet, Califo Manor (5th), Maybe Baby,

Ugenden Affairs, Spring Tide (pu), 50 Roman Crackshot, Ch So Ripe, Welcome Tidings (pu), Fleet Sprint, Fair Seas (pu), 22 ran. 151, 51, 151, M Francis at Lambourn, Tota: £9.30; £3.30, £3.00, £1.10, DF: £51.10, CSF: £43.75. E1.10, DF: 251.10, CSF: E43.76.

3.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, CHATSSY (J Reliton, 4-1); 2, Gresney Pray On (A Tory, 20-1); 3, Shahaet (W McFartand, 20-1); AL SO RAN: 9-4 for Bee Garden (6th), 5-2 Winchiebes (pu), 7-2 Crowecopper, 6 Bad Habits (5th), 20 Gatterio (eth), 35 Golden Coy (pu), 9 ran. 254, 81, 62, 83, 31. T Forsier at Letcombe Baseett. NR: King Kas, Bibrook, Winsor Bond. Tota: 27.00; 25.20, 25.50. DF: E111.40. CSF: 27.25; Tricast: E1,361.73.

E72.52, Tricest: £1,361,73.

4.15 (2m hole) 1, GANDON (M Richards, 100-30); 2, Heath's Milesteire (W McFartend, 3-1 fav); 3, Mallyphe (A McCabe, 10-1), ALBO RAN: 4 Squadron (4th), Wantage (5th), 15-2 Men Of Yorkstrin, 8 Zegazin, 14 Horse Too Deer, 20 Te Werdes (pu), 25 Wer Child (5th), 10 ren. NP: Ringstoy, Prince Merzand, Treasurs Lord. 10, St. 81, 51, 10. P Hedger at Chichester. Tota: 24.50; £2.30, £1.40, £1.70, DF: £8.60, CSP: £15.41. Tricest: £91.73. Piacecot: \$1,078.00.

Lingfield Park Going: Gow 1.46 (2m indie) 1, A FREND OF MINE (D Byrna, 10-1): 2, Apolio King (D Murphy, 7-25, Peolasiad (M Ahern, 8-5 tay), ALSO RAN: 2 La Castarra (481), 4 ran. 31, 11, 81 M Termoldras at Newmarkst. Tota: 28, 20, DF:

Tompkins at Newmans 212.40. CSP: 225.66. \$12.40. CSP: £25.66.

2.10 (2m 4) hole) 1. CARPET CAPERS
(Dale McKecown, 8-11 tax; Private Handcappar's top milegi; 2. Kingswood (M
Keogh, 9-2; 3. Laren Star (Mr G Upton,
33-1). ALSO FIAM 5 Long Tail Saley (Dd,
10 Suley Tawchy (I). Deemster Willow
(40). 60 Grand Celebration (pul. Bin
Dashir (pul. 8 ran. 30. dist, dist. J FitchHeyes at Lewes, Tota: £1.90; £1.10,
£1.30, £5.60. DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.70.

RACING COMMENTARIES 0898 222 555 0898 222 565 WIN £100 DAILY SPORTS QUIZ 0898 500 100 Ladbrokes 2.40 (2m hdie) 1, WINGCONSMANDER EATS (P Holley, 7-2); 2. Dieneyland (J Tutin, 6-4 sayl; 3. Artican Safati (P Verling, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Solitary Resper (Str), 11-2 Cat A Caper (Str), 11 Breans Kell (pu), 50 incredible Lady (4th), 7 ran. 254, 10, 31, 31, 301. J Joseph at Africansen. Toise £4.40; 23.60, 21.30. DP: 28.20. CSP: 29.95.

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Placepol: 2292.00 Tony Mullins collected a three-day ban (February 9-11) for incorrect use of the whip after winning the Donadea Hurdle at Naas yesterday on Dozing Bull, trained by his father, Paddy.



The Times reports from the XIV Commonwealth Games in Auckland

World must shed burden of weightlifting

International Olympic Committee. Juan Antonie Samaranch, the president of the IOC, said yesterday that at its next meeting in Belgrade in April the executive board would study carefully the lat-est scandals of positive drug testing at the Commonwealth

Weightlifting's repeated abuse of sporting ethics is such that, in my opinion, it should be suspended from all multiple events, such as the Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian Gaptes, for a minimum of three years, with the demand that it puts its house in order

Martin all on her own in record marathon

alone along the Auckland water-front on Wednesday to retain the Games marathon title in a Games best time of 2hr 25min

The 29-year-old Olympic silver medal winner was in a class of her own, taking a lead of 100 metres over the other 14 competitors in the first

At the 5km mark she was more than a minute ahead of Tani Ruckle and steadily increased her lead on a cool,

overcast morning.

Martin chose to run in Auckland instead of challenging Rosa Mota, the Olympic cham-pion in lucrative race in Osaka, Japan. She was on target to improve her best time — 2hr 23min 51sec set in Osaka two yrars ago — for the first half of the the race but slowed over the later stages, as the strain of battling a fresh sea wind on her own took its toll.

Ruckle held second place to take the silver in 2hr 33min 16sec and Angela Pain, of England, was third in 2hr 36min

35sec.
Mick Hill will cast friendship aside on Saturday when he goes after the scalp of 20-year-old Sieve Backley, who has emerged from the junior ranks to rob him of his status as the Common-

wealth's finest javelin thrower. Hill, aged 25, of Yorkshire, gets on like a house on fire with Backley, winner of the World Cup last year, but admits there will be no love lost once they clash in the Mount Smart

"Steve's a mate of mine," Hill said. "We've been training to-gether in America before we came out here, and we've had a few good laughs together. But we'll be deadly rivals once we get out there on Saturday." Less than three years ago, Hill smashed the Commonwealth record with a throw of 85.24

metres in Stockholm and was seemingly on the verge of breakng the world record. But then it all went wrong. He suffered two seasons of injury problems just as Backley began

to emerge excitingly from the Hill's improving form last summer showed him that he could regain his form of 1987; he was the only Briton to beat Backley, last saeson, albeit in a

low-key end of season meeting in Thurrock.
Backley, who won World
Cup, European Cup, World
Student Games and Grand Prix titles last year, recognises that Hill, along with New Zealander

Gavin Lovegrove, pose the main danger.
Lovegrove, the 22-year-old hometown favourite, looks to be the only man likely to spoil it for Englishmen. He has thrown 83.90 metres during the current New Zealand season and will have a partisan crowd backing him all the way in Mount Smart

Old rivals to stage

Richie Woodhall, of England, will have a gold medal battle

light-middleweight bronze med-als at the Seoul Olympics and their careers have progressed almost in tandem ever since. fore. First, in the prestigeous 1988 Canada Cup when

Woodhall emerged triumpha but the score was levelled at last year's Cup when Downey gained revenge on his way to taking the gold.

Woodhall, a 21-year-old forester from Telford, looked slightly sluggish, but sharper than in his opening bout, to notch a 5-0 semi-final points win over Sililo Figota, of Western Samoa.

four successive light-middle-weight gold medals in the Commonwealth Games. The progress of Downey, the Canadian team captain, was

far more conclusive than Woodhall's, as he demolished the New Zealand hope. Andy reery, in two rounds. Scotland's last hope of a

will hardly inspire confidence in his meeting with the Kenyan, Nicodemus Odore.

Britain's tally of bronze med als was finalized at three with the completion of the semifinals: Dave Anderson (light-weight), of Scotland, Mark Edwards (middleweight), of England, and Paul Douglas (super-heavyweight), of North-ern Ireland.



disgrace it continually brings

Sonny de Sales, the new as of the Commonwealth Games Federation. said last night: "I need to give the situation considerable The federation's executive board must investi-gate all the details. We should perhaps remember that there has been no suggestion, for

It is obvious what is the most

important sport of the Com-

monwealth Games: bowls.

This is the true sport of

Empire. I remember one time

when I was asking directions

in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (if I may be excused a

particularly unsubtle name-

drop) and was told; just past

unwalkable after dark (too

many "rascals" roamed the

streets), the bars were full of

the lying-down drunk, the

pavements were all bright red

with beetle nut, but there at

the bowling club life was just

fine. Everyone was wearing

white clothes with a white

straw hat or a white flat cap.

Some of the Common-

wealth Games events can look

a little like a poor man's

Olympics, but with bowls you

know where you are. Bowis

makes the Commonwealth

Games unique, special, the inevitable result of a century

There are 20 nations taking

part in the bowls competitions

here: the home countries.

obviously, and the old domin-

ions: Canada, Australia and

New Zealand. But that was

not all: we also had Botswana.

the Cook Islands, India, Ma-

lawi, Western Samoa, Swazi-

land, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

climates. You don't run about

too much and you can keep a

drink at either end of the

green. It was one of the great

social games of Empire: one of

wealthy, cricket was some-

thing quite other, but bowls

was an Empire version of

And the game has since gone

Women's marathon

Men's singles

Men's doubles

Men's singles

Men's pairs

FINAL: R PETERS (Aus.) bt M (HR), 25-14.

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MOT'S SINGIES
GUARTER-FINALS: FOO Kolk Keong (Ma-lay) bt M Butler (Can), 15-6, 15-6; S Beddeley (Eng) bt D Humble (Can), 15-10, 18-15; R Sidek (Maley) bt S Butler (Eng), 17-15, 15-8; D Hall (Eng) bt K Middlemess (Scot), 15-6, 16-2.

Mint a Goulanes CHARTER-FINALS: J Sidek and R Sidek (Maley) bt G Stewart and G Robson (NZ), 15-4, 15-1; M Johnson sand A Goode (Rog) bt K Harrison and P Horne (NZ), 15-5, 15-2; B Blanshard and M Bitten (Can) bt Chi Chol chan and Slu Kwong Charl (HR), 18-14, 15-4; R Sidek and Soon Chesh (Melay) bt D Travers and A White (Scot), 15-7, 15-2

Bowls is a great game for hot

or more of linked histories.

Everyone said "well played".

The town was said to be

the bowling club.

be banned for its similar

The caution of de Sales, having just assumed office, is understandable; yet tolerance of the abuse by weightlifting has run dry. The sport is corrupt throughout and the latest evidence of two positively tested Weishmen and an Indian in Anckland is the

with positive tests in the Olympic Games in Seoul, even if Ben Johnson was the most Games. The Bulgarian

May the sun never

set on the good

old Empire game

tests before departure for Seoul. I doubt if there is a innocent nation in the

Tamas Ajan, the Hungarian general secretary of the Inter-actional Weightlifting Federation, says that the offenders are from the lower ranks. So what? Responsibility relies at the top, and until weightlifting can guarantee that its ranks are clean, it should be removed

sledging in the Chappell-Lillee tradition of dubious cricket. Parrella didn't care for this.

So I gave him one. It cost me

a few dollars' worth of bar-

rister, but it all worked out."

The sledger was later banned

from the game for the same offence, so Parrella feels dou-

Parrella had predicted that his opponent, Mark Mc-Mahon, might feel the pres-

sure, being a stripling of 20,

For a long time this looked

way off the mark but, at 14-14,

Parrella made a bad mistake.

McMahon totally failed to

exploit this, and that troubled

him sorely. It was the begin-

McMahon lost confidence

in his accuracy, Parrella got

fired up, pounding the air at

every halfway-decent shot,

and blasting everything that displeased him out of the

road. He won the gold 25-14.

McMahon plans to leave

Hong Kong and is likely to

become an Australian bowler,

though there are other op-

tions. As for Parrella: "I don't

drive the taxis so much any more. I do more bairdressing.

It is Australia's first gold in

bowls singles at the Common-

wealth Games: the New Zea-

landers are impressed.

anyway. They say he is the

best Australian underarm

bowler they have seen since

Chappell

That and a bit of bowls."

bly vindicated.

ning of the end.

competitions and Canada's is no reason why weightiliting ranks were scarred by random should constantly turnish the rest of sport. The guilty weightlifters in the Common-wealth Games have been detected only by a random testing system, used for econ-It is irrelevant that Dr ony measures. What might the result have been had every medallist been tested?

Sam Coffa, the president of Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation, said yesterday that he was dis-appointed that all medallists had not been tested.

It is significant that Subratakumar Paul, the In-dian tested positive in the lightweight division, had not

India has no adequate testing facilities. In Auckland the £120 a time.

It is no excuse for senior officials of the sport to suggest lies with coaching, or that the competitors found positive are lacking in intelligence. If there is not the properly, then that is its own ne. It is, of course, the general practice that chaches are former competitors, and so the practice of drug abuse revolves in a vicious circle.

Nor is there the excuse,

samples for testing have had to be sent to Sydney at a cost of does not exist in weightlifting. does not exist in weightlifting, and even the social advanta previously attainable in Eastera European countries are new disappearing with the shift away from communist

Even those weightlifters who may be innocent of abuse are well aware that if they win a medal the almost auto response of others, both within their sport and outside, is to wonder whether they were on drugs. Such a sport has no place on the international

than go". Sharon Mills, aged 19, from Swinton, Manchester, used her reliable armlocking skills to add a fifth gold, from the middle-weight division, to the four won on Tuesday and it was White, the England captain and the most highly accomplished tech-nician in the men's team who very nearly came unstuck. He had a difficult struggle in the semi-final to overcome the une semi-unal to overcome the raw strength of an Australian, Chris Bacon. "I knew when I saw my draw that Bacon would be my hardest fight — there was only one throw between us when I beat him in the British Open last there was "Milita said." last year," White said.
He had started in a most impressive fashion by throwing the home favourite Bill Vincent with a sparkling tai-otoshi (body drop) for ippon (10 points) in just 30 seconds.

just 39 seconds. White knew it would not be as easy against Bacon, aged 20, who had trained for three years in Kendal and knew White's in Kendal and knew white's techniques well, although he nearly scored with an ouchi-gari in the first minute. But three minutes into the fight Bacon dived under the Wolverhampton man's defence and knocked him down for koka (three points).

Judo team

captain

rises to the

challenge

From Nicolas Soames Although by the end of the second day of the Common-wealth Games judo tournament

England's record of winning

engiand's record of winning every category was still intact, it had been, in the words of middleweight Deusign White, "touch and go, with more touch

White now had to do all the running. He worked hard to equalize, but a scoring technique seemed to evade him. "He is physically very strong but I fet him begin to panic," White said. In the final minute Bacon received a penalty of three points for a negative play and nine second from the end was enalized again, for repeating

This proved a mere formality against Winston Sweatman, o cotland, a mathematician who is currently working on star cluster models at Edinburgh University. The Scot was sent into orbit with a superb seoi-otoshi (shoulder drop throw) for

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Sharon Mills also had two 10point victories and one more testing fight. She armlocked Nichola Morris (New Zealand) and used a different manoeuvre against Joyce Malley (Northern Ireland) but also concluded with Miss Mills was determined to

put on a good show for her parents who had sold the family estate car to be able to fly out to watch ber. "I knew the final was going to be my hardest fight," she said after getting the better of Karen Hayde, of Canada, Mills received special instruc-tions on hit and run fighting Roy Imman, and these worked perfectly. She scored five points for yuko from the very first shoulder throw and added a

er. Although counted in the last minute she managed to retain her lead.
The six gold medals have put extra pressure on those still to fight but the team manager, Arthur Mapp expects further successes. He said: "We are not only doing well because the opposition is not so strong. Everyone is giving a lot more of themselves because these are the



BBC1 6.50-9.20am, 11.05am-1pm and 7-

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM AUCKLAND

T Yager) 12; Canada (G Boxwell and A Wallace) 29; Cook Islands (I Akaruru and I Tuferu) 21; Wales (W Thomas and R Weale) 18; Hong Kong (No Koon Laung and N Kennedy) 18; Canada 26; Wales 19; Hong Kong 40; Cook Island 15; Hossa 26; Nales 19; Hong Kong 40; Cook Island 15; Bosswans 15; Western Samoe 24, Norlok Island 15; Bosswans 15; Wastern Samoe 24 Final positioner 1, Carnada, 14pts: 2, Wastes, 12: 3, Hong Kong, 10; 4; Western Samoe. 8, 5, India, 5, 6, Botswans, 4; 7, Norlok Island, 3; 8, Cook Islands, 0.

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SECTION & Australia 37, Norfolk Island & England 27, Western Samos 17; Hong Kong 30, Zimbathwe 6; Northern Ireland 30, Zimbathwe 12; England 25, Norfolk Island 16; Hong Kong 27, Western Samos 20; Swaziland 19, Australia 17; Western Samos 24, Zimbathwe 11; Northern Insland 35, Swaziland 13; Vestes 32, Norfolk Island 12; Hong Kong 15, Australia 17; Nection 18; Hong Kong 15, Australia 17; Nection 8; Cook Islands 22, Canada 21; New Zestend 21, Zambat 15; Scotland 21, Papus New Guines 21; Botswars 22, India 21; Papus New Guines 34, India 14; Cook Islands 19, Zambat 15; Canada 31, Botswars 10; Scotland 18, New Zestend 17; India 20, Norfolk Island 20; Wales 39, Cook Islands 12; Canada 23, Hong Kong 16. Men's fours

SECTION B: S McCrone (Scot) bt N
Seriamina (Coold, 25-11; G Tau (PNG) bt
J Ackbard (Wates), 25-6; M Johnston
(Mire) bt T Restrict (Carl), 25-12; K Dodd
(Glast) bt B Mali (Zami, 25-23, Final
positions: 1, Tau, 14pts, 2, Johnston, 123, McCrone, 8:4, Ackbard, 8:5, Dodd, 6; 6,
Mali, 4; 7, Benismma, 4; 8, Reimer, 0,
FINAL: Tau bt M Khan (NZ), 25-18,
PLAY-OFF FOR THIRD PLACE: Johnston
bt A Heiford (Aus), 25-15.

WOTTIGHT'S FOURTS
SECTION A: England 23, Zimbalows 22Wastern Samos 18, New Zestand 15;
Scotland 20, Papus New Guines 17;
Papus New Gannes 25, Wastern Samos
14; Wales 22, Scotland 19; Zimbalows 30,
Norfolk Island 11; New Zestand 20,
England 13; Swezziand 25; Zanthis 12;
Australia 34, Bottswans 14; Ceneda 23,
Cook Island 31; Wales 28, Norfolk Island
11; Hong Nong 20, Swazziand 14; Austra18 32, Cook Islands 14; Zanthis 20,
Ceneda 19.

BOXING

BANTANWEIGHT: G Sie (Carr) bt W Christman (Guy), pts; S Monammed (Rigeria) to J Chilorenca (Zam), pts. LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT: N Odore (Ken) bt D Chthysica (Zim), pts: C Kane (Soct) bt S Scriggins (Aus). pts. WELTERWEIGHT: D Decagoon (Negerie) bit A Mwambe (Zami, pts; G Johnson (Can) bit G Cheney (Aus), rec 1st md LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT: A WOODS (Eng) bt S Figota (W Sem), pts; Fl Dor (Can) bt A Creery (NZ), rsc 2nd rnd. MEDOLEWEIGHT: A Laryes (Ghs) bt C Masses (Ups), ret 2rd md. C Johnson (Can) bt M Edwards (Eng), pts. SUPER-HEAVYWEXCHT; M Kenny (NZ) bt V Lindoner (Cen), obs. L Amessen (Cha) bt GYMNASTICS

#14.-#01.00; 1, M Fuzzesi (Cars), 37 f5pts; 2, M Gimones (Cars), 37-25; 3, A Walker (NZ), 36.90; 4, V Sathert (Engl. 36.55; 5, S Cushmen (Cars), 36.45; 6, R Jack; (NZ), 36.20; 7, S Wild (Rue), 35.80; 8, K Agreew (NZ), 35.75; 9, D Southwick (Engl., 35.40;

Women's rhythmic

JUDO

Under 86 kilograms PIRST ROUND: D White (Eng) by W Vincent (NZ), Apport: C Bacon (Aus) by N GBI (Can), Austrapacht W Sweatman (Scot) by S Woods (Wales), Apport. SECOND ROUNC: White br Bacon, chui; Sweaman bt R Dhanger (Ind), ippon. REPECHAGE: Becon bt Vincent, waza-ari-awassie-lopon; Dhanger bt Woods, Espon. FittAL: White bi Sweetman, ippon.

SHOOTING Smallbore rifle, three positic Smallbore 111e, Tures positions
1, M Klepp (Cant. 1,157pts; 2, M Cooper
(Engl. 1,154; 3, S Dutta (Incl., 1,143; 4, J-F
Senecal (Cant., 1,142; 3, E Adam (Id2),
1,136; 6, A Hittmann (Just.), 1,136; 7, R
Smith (Engl., 1,134; 8, A Wurlel (Aust.),
1,134; 9, R Law (Scott, 1,133; 10, A Atlen
(Scott, 1,122; 11, C Ogle (A Ins), 1,120; 12,
7 Palangatops (Incl., 1,176; 13, L Smith
(NZ), 1,113; 14, S Wetterson (IoM, 1,107;
15, M Clayten (Jen., 1,101; 18, D
Rajsenighe (Sr), 1,085; 17, M Maze
(N Inc.), 1,087; 18, H Creeny (IoM), 1,070;
19, I Donaldson (Guer), 1,087.

1, A Breton (Guer), 583;tis; 2, P Murray (Aus), 582; 3, M Jay (Wales), 579; 4, 3 Roffe (Eng), 578; 5, B Favel (Aus), 574; 6, M Howiters (Can), 571; 7, B Griffing (Eng), 586; 8, B O'Nease (NZ), 565; 8, M Smith (NZ), 556; 10, S Wiles (Can), 560; aqual 11, Yiu-Kai Leung (HQ, 547; 11, G Sharma

ATPLETICS: 18.00: Men's 30km walk. 21.45 Women's 10km walk. BADMINTON: 23.00: All events play off for

BOWLS: 20.00 Women's fours, semi-

finels. SHOOTING: 20.00 Smallpore rifle prone, Sheet individual second 100 furning boar fast individual. 21.45: Smallpore rifle prone finel.

Tomorrow's programme
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Tomorrow's programme

Today's progra

(ind), 547; 13, I Redmond (Zim), 546; 14, Chung-Kin Ho (HK), 542. Топостои BBC1 lam: men's pole vault, final. 2.45em: women's high-lump, final. 4.30em: women's 100m hurders, final. 5em: men's discus, final. 6.10em: women's 10,000m, final. 6.30em: Boxing, final. CYCLING

1,000-metre sprint FRIALI G Neiwand (Aus) bt C Harnett (Can), 2-0 (11.70sec and 11.41). RIDE-OFF FOR THIRD PLACE: J Andrews (AZ) bt D Spessor, (Aus), 2-1 (Spessor, 11.73; Andrews, 11.66, 11.71). 50-kilometre points race

Spm.
Euroaport 4-5pm and 11pm-midnight:
Highlights of the eighth and vinsh day.
Williams. 155.0. 5. Arnau, 150.0. 6. Bisir,
150.0. 7. Clerc. 147.5. B. McImyrs, 145.0.;
9. Keene, 135.0. 10. Mailbi, 130.0. 11,
Cunningham, 125.0. 12. Ata, 117.5; 13,
Kandos, 115.0.
COMBINED: 1. Sharma, 295.0kg; 2.
Igusborn, 230.0: 3. Rooch, 280.0; 4.
Williams, 280.0: 5. Bisir, 277.5; 6. Clerc,
270.0; 7. Arnau, 270.0; 8. McIntyru, 257.5;
9. Koons, 247.5: 10. Mailbi, 230.0: 11,
Cunningham, 230.0; 12. Kandoa, 212.5;
13. Ata, 212.5. 1. R Buttle (Aus), 81pts; 2. C Connell (NZ), 72; 3, A Irvins (N Ire), 38; 4. R Hughes (Wales), 26; 5, S Porter (IoM), 25; 8, P Aldridge (Jam), 22; 7, S Wingstraw (Engl., 12; 8, B Atten (Aus), 42; 9, D McColl (N Ire), 20; 10, P Scaletta (Can), 18; 11, M Lucas (NZ), 14; 12, D Beker (Engl., 9; 13, Y Cojan (Can), 8. 4,000-metre team pursuit

QUALIFIERS: 1. Australia. 4min 29.51sec. 2. New Zealand, 4:30.54; 3. England, 4:32.38; 4. Canada, 4:47.07.

75 KROGREIDS SMATCH: 1. K Mondel (Ind). 135.0kg; 2. K Jones (Weles), 135.0; 3. P. Laycock (Aus), 132.5; 4. M. Loyer (Can), 130.0; 5. B Gagne (Can), 130.0; 6. P. Ocheleng (Kon), 140.0; 7. B Saspe (PMG), 107.5; 8. R Token (PMG), 100.0; 9. 7. Mate. (W. Sam), 90.0; 10. P. Hoffman (Swaz), 85.0; 0 Brown (Aus), no let. Women 3,000-metre individual pursuit CUALIFYING ROUND: M Johnson (Engl. 4 coins 08.70sec bt S Dawiss (Engl. 4 coins 08.70sec bt S Dawiss (Engl. 4 coins 08.70sec bt S Dawiss (Engl. 4 coins 08.70sec bt S 18 coins 08.70sec CLEAN AMB JERRY: 1, Laycock, 177.5kg; 2, Mondal, 170.0; 3, Brown, 167.5; 4, Gagna, 162.5; 5, Loyer, 160.0; 6, Jones, 155.0; 7, Token, 137.5; 8, Stape, 135.0; 9, Ochleng, 130; 10, Mika, 120.0; 11, Hoffman, 117.5.

QUARTER-PRIALS: Way, 3:58.57 bt McKenzie; Gould, 3:55.50 bt Erdmen; Watt, 3:52.74 bt Johnson; Herrie, 3:52.67 bt Sydor. WEIGHTLIFTING Revised results

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Zasez Zambiū; Ziec Zimbatywe 67-3 RIMOGRAPHS
SMATCH: 1, P. Snerme (Ind.), 130.0-kg; 2, L. Iouelborn (Negerta), 130.0-3, M Stair (Aus), 127.5-4, M Rosech (Welses), 125.0-5, R. Williams (Welses), 125.0, 8, R Clerc (Can), 122.5-5; 7, P. Armsu (Can), 120.0-8, J. Mchnyre (NZ), 112.5-9, L. Nece (NZ), 112.5; 10, N Cunningham (Scot), 105.0: 11, P. Massi (PNG), 100.0-12, K Kandos (PNG), 97.5: 13, L. Ata (Scot), 95.0. CLEAN AND JERR: 1, Sharme, 165.0kg; 2, Iguathorn, 160.0: 3, Roach, 155.0; 4,

COMBREED: 1, Laycock, 31d.Ohg; 2, Mondel, 305.0; 3, Gagne, 292.5; 4, Loyer, 290.0; 5, Jones, 290.0; 6, Super, 242.5; 7, Ocheang, 240.0; 8, Token, 237.5; 9, Mika, 210.0; 10, Hoffman, 202.5; 11, Brown,

Hong Kong...... Zimbabwe

Irish jaunt brings unexpected medal

From Peter Bryan

recent job was in a snooker centre in Bangor. Co Down, was successful an unlikely medal winner on the cycling track for Northern Ireand yesterday when he took the ability of the track specialists. bronze in the 50km points race. got "stuck in " as promised. Irvine, who has done little Although McCall was brought

"We came along just to support the event, that's all" he said. "It's the Friendly Games, we have nothing to lose so David and I decided just to get attack in and see what stuck in and see what happened."

Irvine was one of the six members of Northern Ireland's team which was picked to concentrate on the 100km road time trial and the 105 miles road race. The track events were never seriously entertained, as the team wanted to repeat or improve on its bronze medal in

Breton makes history after anxious wait

Adrian Breton was the toast of Guernsey yesterday when he won first Commonwealth Games gold medal for the Channel Island in the rapid-fire Breton, aged 27, waited two hours before he learnt that his

total of 583 points had brought him a one-point victory over Patrick Murray, of Australia. Michael Jay, of Wales, took the "We all shoot 30 rounds and I

was the first on today, so I did my bit and then had to hang around," Breton said. Malcolm Cooper, of Hayling Island, who has won 27 Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth titles, performed well below his best to finish with the silver medal in the three-position rifle event, with Mari Klepp, of Canada, taking the gold,

Cooper was deducted two points when it was claimed he had taken 41 instead of the required 40 shots in the kneeling section. A protest by the England team was rejected.

Alastair Irvine, whose most the time trial in Edinburgh, an

Irvine and McCall, un-daunted by the reputation and

Irvine, who has done little track racing, arrived at the Manukau velodrome having trained there only once, accompanied by Northern Ireland's other entry, David perate to know whether he would be in the team for Saturday's closing event, the road race. A decision on the line-up has been delayed.
England are unlikely to field
their best road man, Ben Luckwell. The Bristol rider has a knee injury following a bizarre accident. His handlebars snapped during a race yesterday, jamming his front wheel with such force that the machine's force also books. I welcount was

forks also broke. Luckwell was taken to hospital for treatment Troke forced to fight for semi-final spot

The No. I seed, Helen Troke, who is attempting to win the women's singles title for the third successive time, had to struggle for nearly as host before reaching the semi-finals at the Commonwealth Games Troke, from Southamptos, beat Madhumita Bisht, of India. 11-5. 4-11, 11-6 to join the English champion, Fiona Smith, of Guildford, in the last four. Smith beat Chan Man Wa, of Hong Kong, 11-4, 11-2

Darren Hall, the English champion, from Chingford, and Steve Baddeley, of Enfield, reached the semi-flants of the men's singles. Hall best Ken Middlemiss, of Scotland, 15-6, 15-2 and Baddeley deleated David Humble, of Canada, 15-10 18-15.

The only England pair in the men's doubles, Miles Johnson, of Devon, and Andy Goode, of Hertfordshire, are through to the semi-finals while Gillian Gowers, from Hertfordshire, and Gillian Clark, of Wimble-don, the holders, and Smith and San Sanker of Santhana also Sars Sankey, of Southport, also came through to the last four.

showpiece

with hisgreat Canadian rival, Ray Downey, in a showpiece finale to the Commonwealth boxing tournament in Auckland The two men both clinched

COMARTER-FINALS: D Julien (Can) bt R Cator (Aus), 11-3, 11-5; D Thaneker (Ind) bt D Piche (Can), 11-6, 17-4; F Smith (Eng) bt Man Wa Chan (Md), 11-4, 11-2; H Troke (Eng) bt M Stant (Ind), 11-5, 4-11, 11-6. They have clashed twice be-Women's doubles WOMEN'S GOLDIES
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G Gowers and G Cark (Eng) bt Man Wa
Chan and Any Cran (HR), 15-7, 15-10; F
Smith and S Sankey (Eng) bt J Still and T
Whittaker (NZ), 15-8, 15-4.

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GUARTER-FINALS: Chi Choi Chen and
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(Carl), 15-8, 18-14; M Johnson and S
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Robertson (NZ), 15-5, 15-8; A Goode and
G Class, (Erg) is D Travers and A Naixt
(Scot), 15-8, 15-10. The Englishman will be aiming to stop a Canadian run of

Soluzine's last nope of a boxing gold medal rests with Charlie Kane, but the Clydebank light-welterweight's undistinguished points win over Stellan Scriggins, of Australia,

Menn's paints
SECTION A: England (G Smith and A Thomson) 25, Guernsey (N La Ber and M De Cartered) 20; Scotland (A Blair and G Robertson) 21, Jersey (D La Marquand and M Coutouly) 14; Zimbabwe (W Cumming and R Wighten) 27, Pepua New Gurea (P Guernson) 27, Pepua New Gurea (P Guernson) 26, Pepua 20, Normerm Ireland (V Dallas and E Parichaon) 20; Jersey 32, Papua New Gurea 12; Scotland 26, Australia 20; New Zeeland (M Symes and R Brassey) 20; England 17; Guarriery 25; Jersey 14, Zimbabwe 16; Normerm Ireland 18, New Zeeland 22; England 16, Australey 14, Zimbabwe 16; Normerm Ireland 18, New Zeeland 22; England 16, Australey 24; Piral positions; Northern Indiand 15. New Zealand 22: England 16, Australia 24. Final positions; 1, Australia, 14pts; 2. New Zealand, 14, 3, England, 10: 4. Scotland, 8, 5. Guernsey, 8: 6. Zimbabwe, 8; 7. Northern Indiand, 4; 8. Jersey, 4; 9. Papus New Guinea, 2. SECTION B: Western Samos (P Asi and T Robert) 34, India (V Dhawari and 8 Rampuris) 17: Bosswara (T Foster and J Manatal and Maland and Adapts) and cal tension; that is especially true of singles. The men's

singles final was played be-tween a 45-year-old Brisbane taxi driver and a young Scot from Hong Kong with a red beer-drinker's face. If this was not quite representative of the width of the Empire, it was, at least, not uncolourful. Besides, the women's singles was won by Geua Tau, of Papua New Guinea, so I can't grumble about the lack of exoticism.

The Aussie was Rob Parrella, who was born in Italy and who emigrated when he was 10. He used to play bocci, an Italian grand opera version of boule, played with enormous great lumps of metal: "sort of a cross between bowls and shot-putting," suggested the Sydney Morning Herald.

Parrella was all histrionics and expansive gestures. The greatest liberation for him was the changes in legislation that permitted bowlers to chase their bowls along the green, He charges after every shot, willing every trundling wood into the right place. Throwing the things is only half the game: the other half clearly depends on psycho-kinetic

Parrella is not a person who Farewell bout believes that bowls should be a staid and stuffy game. For example, he was once on an assault charge after thumping someone on a bowling green.

Mickey Cantwell, the England light-flyweight who collapsed with amnesia shortly after suffering a first round knockout, said yesterday that he would not again as an amateur. at pleasures of Empire a staid and stuffy game. For wives. Polo was for the example, he was once on an Ah, it's a man's game, is Sport For All for the Brits, bowls.

Parrella had watched a player picking on an elderly friend of his. There was a lot Bowls - singles, anyway is basically about psychologi- ofneedling going on, a lot of

box again as an amateu Monty Wright, the light-heavyweight from Biggleswade who suffered a broken cheekbone in his first round win and had to scratch from the tournament.

will have an operation in Auck land this week.

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10, H Obranski (Aus), 35,350; 11, G Yorath (Wales), 35,10; 12, A Douglas (Aus), 34,55; 13, A Sands (Eng), 34,30; 14, L Jevons (Scot), 32,70; 15, C Hughes (Scot), 31,95,

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FOOTBALL: SCOTLAND CONTINUE THEIR WORLD CUP PREPARATIONS BY ENLISTING THE SKILLS OF A FORMER FAVOURITE

Jordan called up to help win over the Italian brotherhood

Joe Jordan, who in his days as player made decisive contributions towards Scotland's progress in the World Cap, has been summoned to aid the cause once more, Andy Rosburgh revealed yesterday. The Scotland coach also aninced his plans to win the hearts and minds of the lation of Genoa, where

population of Genos, which is team will play two of their matches in this summer's Iordan, capped 52 times in a carear which saw him play in the World Cup finals in West Germany, Argentina and Spain, will accompany the Scots when they travel to Italy to begin their attempt to reach

the second stage at the first time of asking. Roxburgh said: "Joe will heip us in a number of capacities. Basically, he will be a public relations officer because he speaks fluent Italian, which he picked up in his playing days with AC Milan. But he also has the knowledge to be helpful on the technical side. For example, I could

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foresee that he would watch the opposing teams in our group, and give us the benefit of his assessment of them." says fee

is too high By Chris Moore Nigel Callaghan, of Aston Villa the transfer-seeking winger, last night accused Graham Taylor,

the manager, of pricing him out of the market."I appreciate Villa want their money back but for that to happen I need to be in the first team," Callaghan said. He cost £500,000 from Derby County almost a year ago.

Since being dropped in September he has made only one appearance, as substitute. "I have shown a lot of patience by keeping my head down and concentrating on my game but that is getting me nowhere," he said. "I am just wasting my career

and have no chance of being picked for the first team. That is the manager's choice, but the price be has put on me is would: have thought £300,000 rather than £500,000 was a fair

 Sheffield United have com-City forward Billy Whitehurst for a fee of £35,000 but he will not be included in the team to play Hull on Saturday.

• Scarborough have signed Kevin Dixon, a forward from York City, on a month's loan. Dixon, who has been left out of the York team since the signing of David Longhurst from Peterborough, will make his Scar-borough debut against Colchester on Saturday.

• Steve Archibald, the former Scottish international forward, has signed signed for Español, the Spanish second division club and could play in Sunday's game against promotion rivals Castellón.

Archibald passed a stiff medical examination in a Barcelona clinic 'before becoming the Spanish club's third overseas

The £100,000 fee will be paid direct to the player, who bought out the remainder of his contract with Hilbernian last week before flying to Spain to nego-tiate terms with Español, who have agreed to employ Archi-bald for the remainder of this season. But if they are pro-moted, he will receive a bonus and the option to extend his contract for a further season. Archibald, aged 33, who played for Barcelona until 1988, said he was happy to return to the city of Barcelona, although he claimed to have received offers from two clubs in Britain.

BASKETBALL

Tournament rescued by the Danes

they will take the place of Wales in the international men's tournament at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, from April 20 to 22, which also includes England

they could use the money they had available to give them more appropriate competition. But the Scottish Basketball Association (SBA) confirmed yesterday that Denmark had agreed to fill the void and will join Scotland, England and Ireland in the tournament.

similar standard to ourselves and England," Ken Johnston, the technical director of the SBA, said. "But if we can play as well as we did against Sweden last September and have everyone available, I would fancy our chances of beating Denmark

Scotland will also face England in an under-17 girls' international a fortnight tomorrow in Corby. Pupils from Grange-mouth High and Portobello High make up almost half of the

J Laighton (Manchester Unitad), A Corem (Ribertian), B Guart (Norwich), S Clarks (Cheisea), M Mathes (Dunde Unitad), S Clarks (Cheisea), M Mathes (Dunde Unitad), S (McClarks (Aberdeen), D McPharson (Hearts), W Miller (Aberdeen), D McPharson (Hearts), G Gillespie (Liverpool, R Gough (Rangers), J Collins (Hibertian), S Miccoll (Elverpool), P McStay (Cellic), G McAllister (Leicester), G Duris (Chejaea), M Johaston (Rangers), A McColst (Rangers), A M

Roxburgh has also asked Graeme Souness if he would be in a position to assist, in view of his playing career with Sampdoria - one of the two Genoa teams — but the Rangers manager had already made

other arrangements for the same period. Roxburgh's next ploy to enlist the support of the Genoa football fraternity will take place on Sunday, February 11, when a local derby takes place at the Luigi Ferraris stadium, which has been reconstructed for the finals with a capacity of 43,058, and where Scotland will play Costa Rica and

Durrant, along with the Metz forward, Eric Black, and Coventry City's new acquisition from Dundee United, Kevin Gallacher, as contenders

troduced to the crowd.

It is virtually certain that the final squad of 22 will be

drawn from the group which

flies out a week on Sunday. Roxburgh identified seven

players as "fringe candidates"

for inclusion, namely John

Collins, Robert Fleck, Craig

Levein, Gary McAllister, Stu-art McCall, Stewart

that he was prepared to con-

sider the Rangers midfield

pair of Ian Ferguson and Ian

McKimmie and Pat Nevin, However, he also indicated

The Aberdeen captain, Willie Miller, was named in the travelling party, although he has been injured for some time. Miller played last night against Buckie Thistle in an Aberdeenshire Cup tie at Pittodrie, and Roxburgh would like to have him on hand by the time he is obliged although the return to first team action of Gary Gillespie,

representative in George Smith, of Edinburgh.
FIFA have named 36 referees, including 19 from Europe, seven from Latin America, three each

from Africa, Asia and CONCACAF, the North and Central American federation, and one from Oceania, Richard

Lorenc, of Australia. A two-day

course will be held in Pisa in March to ensure that all referees

interpret the rules in the same

European names, saying: "I am sure they are the men their countries would have wished to see appointed."

He was not surprised at the dual representations nor that the

non-qualifiers, Denmark and Northern Ireland, are repre-sented while some of the quali-

fiers, including the Republic of Ireland, are not.

chosen on merit from FIFA performances and next time you

may well have several referees

from another," Downey said.
EUROPEAN WORLD CUP REFEREES: M

Schmidhuber (Nest Gernany), d Courney (England), H Kold (Austra), M Van Langenbowe (Belgium), G Smith (Scotland), E Serlane (Spein), T Lanese and L Agnella (Italy), E Fredericson (Swein), A Spink (USSR), Z Petrovic (Yugoslevia), A Smoddy (Northern Ira-land), P Mikhalasa (Dense-

"The referees are very much

Downey approved the list of

of Liverpool, may squeez Sweden. At half-time in the match between Genoa and ing, at i Sampdoria, a Scottish squad capacity. Miller out of the final reckoning, at least in a playing Callaghan Courtney selected

in referees' panel

George Courtney has been cho- 35 and Scotland will have a sen as the only English referee who will officiate at the World Cup finals in Italy next summer. In a break with precedent however, the hosts and France will provide two referees each. In the past FIFA, the game's governing body, has never se-lected more than one official from the same country.

There were mixed feelings at Downey, the FA referees secretary, expressed delight that Courtney, aged 48, from Spennymoor, County Durham, had been chosen for the second successive World Cup but was disappointed at the exclusion of the Sheffield referee, Keith

Courtney, who is in the first year of his "extension" having reached the official retirement age, has refereed FA, League, UEFA and Cup Winners' Cup finals and was on duty last night at the FA Cup replay between Hackett, aged 45, was the only

English referee at the European Championships, and Downey said: "Although Keith has had injury problems he has com-pletely recovered and certainly we hoped he would be chosen because we regard George and Keith as very much on a par in terms of ability."

Alan Snoddy, from Belfast, will be one of the youngest World Cup referees at the age of

Cambridge spurred by greater 'will to win'

Where Bristol City, of the third division, led the way on Saturday by beating Chelsea 3-1, Cambridge United, of the fourth, followed on Tuesday

night.

They beat Miliwall by virtue of a bizzarre own goal from the centre back, David Thompson, whose 116th-minute back-pass beat his goalkeeper, Keith Branagan, from 25 yards despite a strong wind blowing away from the goal.

Cambridge, who play Bristol
City in the fifth round, deserved

their victory, but this was no consolation to John Docherty, the manager of Millwall, who managed Cambridge in the most successful period in the club's history, nor to Branagan, once of Cambridge, who played brilliantly before being undone by

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manager, said: "Our will to win was far greater and that is what

Dave Bassett, the manager of Sheffield United, made a happier return to an old hunting round. He went back to Vicarage Road, where he was briefly the manager of Watford, and United won the replay 2-1 to earn a fifth round home tie with Barnsley. Bassett said:
"I've had some unhappy times
at Watford and I can't deny that
I wasn't the most popular bloke
here but that is history now."

Middlesbrough, of the second division, ended Aston Villa's unbeaten run of 11 matches with a 2-1 win at Villa Park and are favourites to reach Wembley for the first time after the second leg of their Zenith Data Systems his colleague.

John Beck, the Cambridge Ayresome Park next week.

FOR THE RECORD

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ICE HOCKEY AL LEAGUE (MHL): St Louis Blues it Islanders 1; Los Angeles Kings neey Davils 2: Buffalo Sabres Nordiques 2: Calgary Flames er Canucks 2: Edmorton Oliers

WOOD CUP: RFA Club bt Weeser, 147-112. SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bunder's bt Skylam 151-61; Redley bt Blunder's, 107-93.

RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Oxford University 15, RAF 18; Cambridge University 8, Royal Navy 14. CLIM MATCH: Postponed: S Glemorgan Ingelines w Abstracts

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> SQUASH RACKETS nts PREMIER LEAGUE: First division C Cennons 3, Leakes Welsh Wizgrids : ports Northern 0, Villege Leasure Hotels in passy Edgbeston Priory 5, GT Superising

TOKYC: Pan Pacific woman's tournament: Second round: A Sánchez (Sp) bt J Paul (And, 6-1, 6-0; G Fernandez (US) bt M (Cowad) (Apan), 6-3, 6-3; A Kjennan (Apan) bt C MacGragor (US), 6-1, 8-6, 8-1; B Schnötz (Nath) bt E Inoue (Japan), 6-1, 6-2; M Melsown (Switz) bt T Phatts (US), 6-2; 6-1; L Savchenio (US); 62, 6-1; L Savchenio (US); 62, 6-1; C Savchenio (US); 63, 4-4, 7-6, 7-6.



An award for fair play in a foul world By David Miller With the reputation of football

further depression of notical further depressed by the find-ings of the Taylor Report, there could hardly have been a better moment for the launch yesterday of the Stanley Matthews Fair

Play Trophy.

nually to the club, team or individual that, in the opinion of the selection panel, is considered to have represented the ideals embodied by Matthews in his 33-year playing career.
Sir Stanley, who celebrates his 75th birthday today, will head the panel of judges that includes Conton Kally Gordon.

Sponsored by Umbro Inter-national and backed by the Football Association, the Foot-ball League and the PFA, the

Selling up puts Luton The Bradford City chairman, Jack Tordoff, is to sell his 81 per into profit

that the struggling first division club would have lost more than £1 million last season but for the sale of their Kenilworth Road ground to the local council for ground to the local council for £3.25 million, and the sale of the forward player, David Oldfield, to Manchester City and the defender, Mal Donaghy, to Manchester United, for £1.4 million (Steve Acteson writes).

Even offset by player purchases the manager, Mick Harford, showed a profit of £600,000 on transfer dealings but overall the club made a profit of only £586,000.

The repayment of debts to directors were the main outgoings. David Evans, the a loan of £801,000 and also received £221,000 interest. Other directors received smaller sums, with the new chairman, Roger Smith, being repaid a loan of 5397,000 and

paid interest of £85,000. paid interest of 285,000.
In December Luton sold Roy Wegerle to Queens Park Rangers for £1 million and another forward player, Mick Harford, to Derby County for £480,000. Luton are second from bottom in the first division.

the first division. The Football Association of Wales (FAW) is looking into a report that Manchester United barred a Cardiff-born youngster on their books from playing for Wales.

The FAW and the Welsh Schools FA have been told that United stopped Ryan Wilson from playing in a UEFA under-16 international in November

to the paying in a Corra and a the appearance would have led to him being classified as a "foreign player" at Old Trafford, under rules proposed by UEFA. The regulation would restrict the number of "foreign" players a team can use in UEFA competitious and United want to have Ryan available when English clubs are allowed back into Europe. The rule change is due to be discussed in Stockholm tomorrow and could be implemented in 1992. A clause in it would designate Welsh and presumably Scottish players playing in England as "foreigners".

to have represented the ideals embodied by Matthews in his 33-year playing career. Sir Stanley, who celebrates his 75th birthday today, will head the panel of judges that includes Graham Kelly, Gordon Taylor and David Dent. At the launch of the trophy in London New chairman at Bradford

game and he epitomized

Systems Cup southern area semi-final with Swindon, post-

poned on Tuesday because of a waterlogged pitch, will be played

• The FA Cup fifth round game

between Sheffield United and

Barnsley has been made all-ticket with a 33,000 capacity.

Paddy Roche, the former Republic of Ireland and Manchester United goalkeeper,

released by Halifax Town six

months ago, has rejoined the fourth division club as their

football in the community

cent holding to a consortium led by Terry Fountain, the present vice-chairman. David Thomp-son, the club's finance director and an unnamed Manchester businessman (Martin Searby writes). Fountain, who controls various businesses in the North and Midlands, is expected to become the new chairman.

Tordoff enjoyed a period of success after he bought out Stafford Heginbotham, as under the management of Terry Dolan, Bradford came within two points of winning a place in the first division. But this season has been disappointing • Chariton Athletic have had to and the team, now managed by Terry Yorath, are struggling in the lower reaches of the table. changes for he said yesterday:
"My policy will be to get behind
Terry Yorath, the team and the
administration and give them

rearrange their first division match against Loton Town scheduled for February 17 Fountain is unlikely to make because Crystal Palace have first use of Selhurst Park for their FA Cup fifth round tie aganst Rochdale. The Charlton-Luton game will now be played on February 19.

officer.

 Henry Kissinger, the former United States Secretary of State, has taken charge of the paper-work necessary for the Chelsea forward, Roy Wegerle, to be granted American citizenship in time for him to play for the US in the World Cup in Italy. • The Chelsea chairman, Ken

Konson sand that the concept of the trophy was well timed, when the game was under such scrutiny for its behaviour on and off the pitch. "Any award that helps achieve better sportsman-ship is well worth having," Robson said. Nominations for

Robson said. Nominations for the trophy will be invited

Bates, told a High Court libel jury yesterday that he was furning for days after reading a newspaper story portraying him as a "scrooge". Bates said he hid the Daily Mirror from his wife, Pamela, because he knew she would go "bananas" if she saw

● The Netherlands may know by the end of February whether Ruud Gullit will be fit for the World Cup finals, his Belgian surgeon, Marc Martens, said yesterday after examining Gullit at his Pellemberg clinic. He said the player was making good progress after a third knee operation in early December.

McCartney hits the target in cup

By George Ace

Glentoran ...

Only Barn United, a junior side, separate Glentoran from a quar-ter-final place in the Bass Irish Cup as the East Belfast team defeated Cliftonville Solitude yesterday 1-0 in a fifth round Gary McCartney, the Glen-

toran centre forward, headed home in the 63rd minute after

Irish make TV protest confident a deal can be reached. Republic of Ireland football

representatives will meet Eng-lish officials this week to seek compensation for the screening of live League and cup matches which clash with their domestic programme. The Irish say the televised

English games are affecting gates at their league matches and they have arranged a meeting with English representatives on Fri-The Football League says that

Irish viewers are pirating the television broadcasts, so there are no grounds for compensation, but the Irish are still SKIING

Prentice, the Cliftonville goal- one by a somewhat over-zealous keeper, completely missed a Cleland corner from the right. It was McCartney's 26th goal of

Cliftonville strove hard for the equalizer and Muldoon, the captain, looked to have given his side a lifeline only for Morrison to clear his low shot off the line with six minutes

It was a typically dour cup-tie in which Cliftonville had five players booked and Glentoran

Dr Tony O'Neill, general secretary of the Football Association of Ireland, said: "We have to accept that the TV signal is received here in a pirated basis, but the Emirch beds." but the Engish body must also accept that League of Ireland soccer is very badly hit by being in direct competition with TV soccer.
We are counting on the good

will of the Football League to give us the necessary backing this time, once they are made aware, once again, of how scriously our game is affected by the live televising of games under their control."

Glentoran, with Neill solid at the back and Paterson ever-alert in goal, had the better of the second half territorially but Muldoon was the rock their attack foundered on.

The teams meet again next Wednesday at the same venue in a quarter-final of the udweiser Cup. Both sides carved out the half-

chance in the opening period, but the defences were on top and the match, delayed for 15 minutes, was goalless at the interval.

Danganou Swifts, another junior side, caused the shock of the round by eliminating Ballymena United, the holders, 4-2 on penalties. It was goalless after 90 minutes and 1-1 when the extra time ended. The the extra time ended. The winners are away to Newry Town in the next round. The other fifth round replay scheduled for last night between the RUC and Bangor was

postponed. CLIFTONVILLE: P Prentice, M Donnelly, P GLIFTOWALLE F Freinge, monthly, P. Murrey, B. Murrey, G. Corrigan, D. Armstrong (aub: S. O'Carne), W. Drake, T. Bresën, K. Loughran (aub: R. y Visite, 1 Breat, K Lingstein (auch C'Boyle).
GLENTORAN: A Paterson, G Nail, S Heath, R Morrison, J Devine, B Bowers, J Jameson, W Caskey, G McCartney (sub: W Totten), G Helis (sub: S Douglas), T Caland.
Referee: J Ferry.

MOTOR SPORT

McLaren unruffled by deadline on Senna fine

championship.

This will be an extension of the deadline because, according to the rulebook of the governing body, January 31 was the date by which all matters concerning team entries had to be resolved teams are responsible for the payment of fines imposed on their drivers - while February

governing body has a history of being prepared or obliged to be flexible with dates, and it is highly unlikely that the Mclaren chief executive. Ron Dennis, whose attention to detail and tying up loose ends is reknowned, would be on holi-day overseas for the next week if matters were not under control.

An air of calmness and Gerhard Berger, as one of the preoccupation with preparateam's two drivers. The issue in tions for the Formula One doubt is what accommodation season were evident at the the various parties involved will be making to ensure that this FISA, on behalf of the um-

ment to leave Ferrari and return to Williams was greeted with laughter at the team base in Didcot. "There is no truth in the story whatsoever," a member of

German Formula One team, Zakspeed, has been forced out of the sport by lack of sponsorship (Reuter reports). Erich Zakowski, the owner, said that after continuing problems with the equipe's modified Yamaha engine, Zakspeed's last possible sponsor had refused support one day before the last registration date for the season.

freeze his team's Formula One

ICE SKATING

Lebedeva leaves her rivals trailing

From John Hennessy Leningrad The one title that had seemed to be a doubtful proposition for the Soviet Union at the start of the

European figure skating championships now seems to be safely in their keeping.

To compensate for the loss of
Alexander Fadeyev with an injured back, which casts a doubt on their hold on the men's championship, Natalya Lebedeva, second last year and he statistical successor to Claudia Leistner, now a professional, put clear daylight between her-self and her pursuers with a clean and competent original

programme at the Lenin Sports Those who lay nearest to her

after the figures tended yes-terday to crumble under the special strain of a programme which inflicts serious penalties for any misdemeanours.

In particular, Patricia Neske, of West Germany, third last vear, ducked the triple salchov in the combination, which did not inhibit the British judge,

Wendy Utley, from awarding her 5.3 for technical merit, A mark of 5.5 for presentation also seemed more than a touch Lebedeva has a lead of 2.2 points, which means that third place in tonight's free skating

would be enough to win the title. Even that pre-supposes that the winner of the free should happen to be Evelyn Grossmann, of Emma Murdoch, the British champion, played safe with a double axel in the combination

away, went through her programme without a flaw. The second British skater, Andrea Law, suffered two disasters, falling on a triple toe loop in the combination and later the mandatory double axel. She now lies 23rd and takes no further part in the champion-ships, as only the top 20 qualify

The men's compulsory figures up at the sharp end at least, with Richard Zander, the West German specialist, taking pride of however, there lurk the three principal challengers for the gold medal in the absence of Fadeyev. They are Viktor Petrenko, of the Soviet Union, Grzegorz Filipowski, of Poland, and Petr Barna, of Czechost Cokics.

Steven Cousins, aged 17, the British champion, who is no relation to his illustrious namesake, is in fifteenth place, the humble position you might expect of him at his first appearance at this level.

appearance at this level.
RESULTS: Men's computery figures: 1,
R Zander (WS), 0.4 pts; 2. V Petrento
(USSR), 0.6; 3, G Filopowski (Pot), 1.2; 4, P
Barna (C2), 1.6; 5. D Weiss (WG), 2.0; 6. V
Zagorodniuk (USSR), 2.4. British: 15, S
Cousins, 6.0.
Women's standings (after original programme): 1, N Lebedeva (USSR), 1.0 pts;
2, E Grossmarn (EG), 3.2; 3, P Neske
(WG), 4.4; 4, N Sicrabnevstoya (USSR),
5.4; 5, S Gonaly (F), 6.2; 6, M Klemann
(WG), 6.2. British: 14, E Murdoch, 13.8; 23,
4 new 24.

A Law, 23.4,
Pairs original: 1, N Mishkutiunok and A
Omitriev (USSR), 0.5pts; 2, L Selezneve
and O Makerrov (USSR), 1.0; 3, Y
Gordsyeve and S Grankov (USSR), 1.5; 4,
P Schwerz and A Koenig (EG), 2.0; 5, R
Kwarikova and R Novamy (Cc), 2.5; 8, 1
Mueller and I Steuer (EG), 3.0. British: 8, C
Peake and A Naylor, 4.0; 9, C Barker and
M Aldred, 4.5.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan are weakened by injuries

The Stones Bitter Champ-ionship leaders, Wigan, are expected to face the champions, Widnes, on Saturday without five international players.

Joe Lydon, Andy Gregory.
Kevin Iro, and Adrian Shelford are all missing from the line-up named by the coach, John Monie, today and Steve Hampson is still suspended.
Byrne takes over at full back and Goulding comes in terminal. and Goulding comes in at scrum half to replace Gregory, Ed-wards switches to stand-off half, and the captain, Hanley, plays in

the centre.

Iro and Lydon were both injured in the Challenge Cup tie at Hull Kingston Rovers on Sunday and Monie rates both players as doubtful.

players as doubting.
TEAM: 6 Byrne; N Preston, D Beil, E
Harley, D Marshall; S Edwards, R
Goulding, I Lucas, M Dermott, A Platt, D
Beits, I Gâldart, A Goodway. Subs: P
Clarke and one to be named. Warrington have placed David Myers, aged 18, on the transfer list at his own request. only three months after signing him from their neighbours, Widnes. No fee has been set. "We will invite offers," Ron Close, the secretary, said. Mike McClennan, from New Zealand. the new manager of St Helens, will arrive on Saturday - in time to take charge for the home match against Leeds on Sunday. Peter Williams, the former England rugby union stand-off half, is back in the Salford side at centre for tomorrow's bot-tom-of-the-table match against Barrow. Williams replaces Keiron Havard, with Steve Kerry on the wing for Andy



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TIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEA): Phoenix MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (HEAR PROSES). Sure 120. New Jorden Note 95; Gewland Cavaliers 105, Milami Heat 94; Detroit Pasons 112, Atlanta Hawks 95; Orlando Magio 128, Indiana Pasons 111; Los Angeles Cilipana 121, Los Angeles Likers 104; Milami Magio 128, Portland Trail Blazars 122, Utah Jazz 95. The organizers had been left with a severe headache when the Welsh pulled out, as they felt **CRESTA RUN** INTER-SERVICES CHAMPIONESMP: Prince Philip Trophy: 1, Royal Navy, 692.425ac. Lord Treathard Trophy: 1, Lt-Cit S Trother (Royal Navy), 169.56. Naviand Trophy: 1, Lt-P Intend (Royal Navy), 167.87. Auty Speed Cup: 1, Lt-Cit S Trother, 56.56.

The Danes will be of a BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Fourth division: Poet-posed: Meidstone v Foothdate.

OVENSEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Pent-posed: Charleon v Metalledon: Futhern v Reading: Crystel Paleca v Wast Vism.

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Coine Dynamose v Rossendale.

First division: Nottingham Forest v Auton Ville; Hull v Sheffield United: Newcastle v Everton. Second division: Wigan v West Bromwich SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cardiff 4,

squad, which was announced The Scottish girls will also participate in the Four Countries Tournament in Cardiff on March 9 and 10.

Inited 1, Misself & (net); Wattord 1, Shetfield United 2. LEYLAND DAF CUP: Querter-finain: Halfax 3. Stockport 1 (net): Wakmil 4. Bouthend 1; Wigun 1, Doncaster 2 (net). ZEMITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Hondern stee. ni, first leg: Aston Villa 1, Middlesbrough 2. RCLAYS LEAGUE: Third divinion: Bristol City 1, Checter 0.
5 & Q SCOTTEN LEAGUE: First division: Africis 2, Chylebank 2
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HOCKEY

RUGBY FIVES

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First mond Chorley S, Keignley 12; Rochdele 38, Carlet 8. POLICE: McConsi cup Snet: Grea Manchoster 32, West Yorkshire 6.

TENNIS

Meribel would stage a super-giant slatom on February 11.

Hopes raised for British services event Snow fell in Megève, France last week, but it was too late to save the World Cap men's super-giant slalom this week-

end. However, fears have been eased about the prospects for holding the 58th Portacabin British Services International Alpine championships — the patron is HRH the Duchess of York - which begin on Sunday (a Special Correspondent The British Service teams will again be competing for their Ski Challenge Cup, and the Army will be out to repeat last year'

double success in the men's and

women's races. Within the inter-

national event, competing

pain, France and the United

States will be challenging the

teams from Germany, Australia

Italian Alpini, who have domi-nated this competition National conscription ensure that the Continental teams field skiers on the fringe of the World Cup circuit. • VEYSONNAZ: The wom

en's World Cup downhill scheduled for Méribel, France, on February 10 will be run here in Switzerland on Friday, the International Ski Federation (FIS) said yesterday. A FIS official said tack of snow in the French resort had forced the downhill to be moved but

McLaren team's headquarters in Woking yesterday, despite a FISA spokesperson insisting that the team had until Spm today to pay the \$100,000 (about £60,000) fine imposed on Ayrton Senna if the team was to compete in the 1990 world

15 is the deadline for drivers to be nominated and licensed for the season. However, FISA, the sport's

It is inconceivable that this year's world championship will take place without the McLaren team, or Ayrton Senna, with

brella organization FIA, needs McLaren on the starting grid and if the governing body had any doubt on that score, McLaren's financial partners, Honda and Philip Morris (Marl boro), will have taken steps to remove it, if only to protect their investment in Formula One. A report yesterday that Frank Williams has offered Nigel Mansell a £7 million induce-

the team said. • NIEDERZISSEN: The West

Zakowski said he would activities for a year.

THE TIMES The heavy weight of shame on Welsh shoulders

By Owen Jenkins

Embarrassment and shame gripped

the world of Welsh weightlifting at the news that two of its medal-winners in

Anckland hadfailed drug tests. But

there was little surprise among those

John Burns, who won weightlifting old medals for Wales in the commonweath Games at Edmonton

and Brisbane, said that anabolic

steroids were readily available even to

Burns owns the gym in Swansen where

David Morgan, who won three gold medals in Aucklandand carried the

national flag in the opening ceremony,

esters just taking up the sport.

at the grass-roots level of the sport.

Weightlifting to be subjected to official inquiry

Hives: stripped of medals

to press vigorously for random independent testine in

and out of season and not just

in competitions. This is the

only way that cheating.

through drug abuse, will be

Meanwhile, Menzies Camp-

former Commonwealth

bell, the Liberal-Democrat

Games sprinter, again de-

manded that the Government

roids, without a medical

He said: "How many in-

cidents of this kind are nec-

essary before the Government

takes action?" He is a sponsor-

ing a Private Members Bill

reading on March 2. His party

yesterday tabled an early day

motion, calling upon the Gov-

ernment to "cease its

up an inquiry into drug abuse

The Sports Council had set

procrastination".

stamped out.

As a second Welsh weightlifter was disqualified from the Commonwealth Games for doping, Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, yesterday flew to Auckland, planning an inquiry into drug abuse.

Moynihan, a notable fighter against the illegal use of drugs, wants the investigation as a follow-up to the inquiry that he and Sebastian Coe held in 1987. It will concentrate on weightlifting, after the disclosures of dope-taking in the sport by The Times last November and the spate of positive tests both before and after the Games.

Britain now faces an international ban from the sport for a year, because of the have tested positive within a 12-month period. Moynihan, who is attending MP for North-East Fife who is

the Commonwealth Sports a Ministers Conference on Sunday, would like the Olympic 1,500 metres champion to join should move to make the him in the investigation, possession of anabolic stehim in the investigation, which he had considered roids, without a medical carrying out even before the prescription, a criminal revelations in New Zealand.

Basil George, the Welsh deputy team manager, said that Gareth Hives, who won three silver medals in the 100kg class, had become the ing a Private Members Bill second Welsh lifter to fail a which is due for a second drug test at the Games. Another Welshman, Ricky Chaplin, and Subratakumar Paul, of India, have already been stripped of their weightlifting medals after being tested positive.

Moynihan said before leav- in weightlifing after a request

Paul's job in jeopardy gated his conduct at the Garnes. His father, Smil Paul, believes that an Indian teammate may have given him the

takumar Paul, who tested positive for steroids in the alth Games after rinning two silver medals and

A railway spokesman said yesterday that Paul might be suspended from service until the department had investi-

Champion

lifters

team that has been hit so rigid as this one. Unfortunately, tacted his family since leaving Auckland and, yesterday, the two people, who want to put something down their throats weightlifting federation presior whatever they do with the dent, Chaman Lal Mehta, said drugs, have put a whole team in disrepute. But the team On Sunday, after his latest success, cannot be blamed as a whole." Morgan threatened to return his Paul, aged 26, seemed to have

Lynn Davies, the Welsh sporting hero who won a long jump gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics, was at the forefront of the nation's condemnation of the two disgraced weightlifters yesterday. Davies, in Auckland as a television commentator, said: There are no excuses for it, did not concern her, she

because at the end of the day it simply drew close to the jack is cheating. It's a sad day for at every opportunity. believe anyone could have 17. The next two ends tipped

Seoul Olympics when the setting her firmly on the road Seoul Olympics which the victory, whole Bulgarian weightlifting to victory.

United Kingdom players

that they are banned because any authority on the the only way to fight drug championships, and tomortaking is to impose very, very row's pairs final features severe penalties."

Australia and Canada, with

Tactics missing in Dead champion tribute

Geua Tau won Papua New Guinea's first Commonwealth Games gold medal - and the first bowls medal - when her uncomplicated approach took her to a 25-18 win over Millie Khan, of New Zealand, in the womens singles final. Tactics

Trailing 9-10 after 14 ends, 'The Welsh team can't Tau sneaked ahead 13-11 after been so silly as to risk taking the scales in Tau's favour, drugs, especially after the counts of three and four

"I think it's absolutely right have not been able to exert

New Zealand and Wales

England. Scotland and Northern Ireland, however, are easer to redress the balance in the men's fours, and are all pressing for a place in the final on Friday, while England, Scotland and Wales remain in contention in section A of the women's fours,

The proceedings at Pakuranga were overshadowed by the death of a 10week-old boy, who was found to have stopped breathing on arrival at the venue after travelling to Auckland from

Whangerei with his mother, The boy's grandmother, was Millie Khan, the New Zealand

pion, flew his ashes from

Ossie Wheatley, the vice-chairman of the Welsh Sports

Council, warned that financial support to the sport in the

Principality could be

He said: "The governing

body will be called to account

when they return from Auckland. There is going to be a far-reaching inquiry into how and

why two lifters took drugs and

The Welsh Sports Council has such a strong policy over drugs that it has refused to

give grants to four governing

bodies, which refused to co-

operate with its testing pro-

gramme. Last year, the Council tested 46 lifters in

competition, including 12
Welshman. Only one, an
Irishman, was found positive,
when he took part in an

Because of lack of finance it

could not afford out-of-com-

petition testing. However, this

will come in through the

British Sports Council, which

shortly will carry out a new

programme of out-of-com-

petition sampling, with

competitors being required to

provide urine for analysis,

with a maximum of only 48

Hives, aged 23, a steel-

worker from Port Talbot, was

sixth in the mid-heavyweight

class at the 1986 Games before

moving up to the heavier

division. He was fourth in the 1989 international Silver

Dragon competition behind

Nicu Vlad, of Romania, a

descendant of Vlad the

Impaler, who gave birth to the

In New Zealand yesterday

George, said: "It is the biggest

smack in the teeth we have

ever had. I have never known

Commonwealth Games

hours notice.

Dracula legend.

international event.

where they got the banned

substances from."

Canada to the Commonwealth Games to scatter them contesting the bronze medal on the waters of the Pacific in play off. a dawn ceremony yesterday. Team mates sprinkled watfrom the Los Angeles Olympic pool, where Davis won a gold medal, over the waves in tribute to the Canadian swimmer who died last November, two days after

Stubbs, a Montreal journalist and former Canadian team official, carried the ashes in a plastic box to New Zealand, where Davis, twice world breaststroke champion, won singles representative.

being hit by a car.

Stubbs, said.

'lt was the wish of his

family to return his ashes to

the waters off here where he

won his first international

success," Davis's friend, Dave

Tau's double first

Auckland (Reuter) - Friends of Victor Davis, the late Olympic swimming chamber of Davis's aunt, Anne McMurray, flew to Auckland Stubbs said Davis's parents, Med Davis and Leona Havnes. from her home in Perth, Australia. to attend the

Burns shares Morgan's feelings.

"It was like a slap in the face when

we heard the news," he said. "It had to

come out but it's come to a head in the

worst possible way. It is such a waste

because the boys could have done it

without the drugs. It's put

weightlifting back a few years. You're

not going to have the young people coming into a sport that has such a bad

"People take drugs because it's the

only way they can catch up. They can pick up steroids in some high-street

gyms and other sources. I know of five

or six places in Swansea and the true

figure is probably double that. People phone me and ask if I supply steroids. Suppliers have the classic excuse that

ceremony Stubbs, who gave the eulogy at the 25-year-old Davis's funeral, said a local Maori tribe had given their blessing for the service. A Catholic

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priest was among the nine people on the boat. Swimmer Tom Ponting and diver Dave Bedard, both national team members with Davis, threw the bouquets awarded to them as medal winners from the boat.

Adrian Moorhouse, of England, who was beaten by Lavis in the 100 metres breaststroke final at the 1986

A nation has its face slapped

Mel Davis and Leona Haynes, had suggested the ceremony. They knew that Victor loved this part of the world and they knew of his success down here," he said. "They and Victor's girlfriend were

setting aside some quiet time at the same time as the At Stubbs's request a container was filled with water from lane four at the University of Southern California

pool where Davis won his Olympic title. The only hitch to the carefully prepared plan came when Stubbs was stopped for a customs inspection at Los Angeles on his way to New Zcaland. But he was allowed to carry the ashes on to his plane after producing the

extent they would go. There is the

like hard drugs."
Ian Carrathers is an instructor at

Burns's gym. He admits that he was

tempted to take drugs when he competed. "I resisted because of

concern for my health," he said. "I have personal knowledge of drug-

taking in other sports — mainly the contact ones like judo, karate, even rugby. I know of people taking staff decimant for animals."

And Burns noted racfully that the

two men who were caught were

In a report headlined "China joins in war against cheating", the China Daily said the use of steroids had

order to win medals in domestic and international tour-

Shaozu, disclosed at last year's students. national youth games that

squad training takes place with medi-cal back-up facilities for injuries

been clean might have been taking them. There's a proportion of about 20

to 30 per cent at the top Games that

use drugs. I feel that testing should be

applied throughout the year on a random basis

"In my view, there are three optic

open to the Sports Council and the British Olympic Association. First, they can ban weightlifting from the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. Second, they should try to entulate the sustained because of such high-intensity training. And third, the Government should give more tax concessions for major companies to encourage them to adopt and sponsor

probably not the only ones using drugs. "They are getting caught because they're coming off the drug because they're coming off the drug too late," he said. "A lot that have Chinese accused of steroid abuse

win medals has overcome an punished, it added. earlier emphasis on fair play, an official newspaper said

yesterday.

increased in recent years. Once the enthusiastic initiator of the slogan 'friendship first, competition second', the Chinese, since the late 1970s, have put more emphasis on competition in

naments," the report read.

Peking (Reuter) - Chinese building drugs with potenathletes are using steroids and tially serious side-effects cheating because a drive to and said users would be

> It called for more openness in China about drug abuse in sport. The newspaper did not name any athletes caught using steriods, but referred to a report from a drug-testing centre in Tokyo which said a urine sample from a Chinese gold medal winner at last year's Asian track and field championships in Delhi, tested positive.

It also recounted how almost all records at a national university meeting in China two years ago were broken because colleges had entered The Sports Minister, Wu full-time athletes, not

"If others can cheat, why Chinese athletes had used can't we?" an unnamed sports steroids - banned muscle- official was quoted as saying.

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Britain feels better for it.

US team is at new frontiers

Miami (AP) - The United States will play their first match against East Germany on March 28 in the Jahn Stadium, in East Berlin, the United States Football Federation (USFF) said yesterday.

The United States added their eighth warm-up game for the World Cup finals when

they agreed to play Iceland.

"Although we had other possibilities for opponents, the opportunity to play in East Berlin was one we could not pass up, given the recent developments in Eastern Europe," Sunil Gulati, the chairman of the USSF's international games committee.

March 28 will be a busy day for European football. Seven other matches are are scheduled: The Netherlands play in the Soviet Union, Brazil play England at Wembley, Austria are in Spain, Wales in the Republic of Ireland and France in Hungary.

The United States have not

played since the 1-0 victory at Trinidad and Tobago on November 19 which sent them through to the finals, and open their 1990 schedule tomorrow in the Marlboro Cup of Miami.

The United States play Costa Rica tomorrow and either Uruguay or Colombia on Sunday. They then play at Bermuda on February 13 and come home to play the Soviet Union on February 24 at Stanford, California.

Sup safety Rome (AFP) - Fears about Genoa and one each at Turin precarious conditions on the

the safety of the grounds on which Italy will stage the World Cup finals emerged yesterday. Work on some of them is drastically behind schedule because of bureaucratic hold-ups and political wrangling. Organizing the collapse of cranes.

committees from many of the Work is behind schedule at Rome, Naples and Palermo, public after the deaths of nine site workers at the grounds.

and Bologna since last September.

Part of the stadium collaosed at Palermo, killing the five, most of the other deaths have been caused by fails and

which has forced contractors to speed up operations. Five workmen have been Organizing committees said killed at Palermo, two at this was often leading to

construction sites.

cremation documents.

The Italian grounds are now just two months from the final inspection by FIFA, football's international governing body. The mayor of Rome, Franco Carraro, a former Italian Olympic Committee chairman and minister for sport. said stricter checks would have to be carried out and some slowing of the work ordered to avoid new

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hadlee to return

Wellington (AFP) - Richard Hadlee, the New Zealand cricketer, has been added to the party to play India in the first Test match in Christchurch starting tomorrow. Hadlee, who is four wickets short of becoming the first bowler to take 400 Test wickets, has been recovering from surgery on an Achilles tendon.

Hadlee, who replaces the injured Willie Watson, has been included despite his comeback consisting of just three limited-over club games.

Halpin out

Gary Halpin, Ireland's replacement prop for Saturday's rugby union international against Scotland in Dublin, has been forced to drop out of the squad with food poison-



Backing up Benson and Hedges is to sponsor a snooker tournament for players outside the top 16 from January next year.

Interview date Silvino Francisco, the South African snooker player who has been helping police with their inquiries into alleged betting irregularities over matches, has been told that he will not be interviewed again

until early March.

Hosts Sale

Sale Harriers, the defending champions in the European women's junio: athletics championships, are to stage this year's event at Wythenshawe Park, Manchester, on September 22. The club are to meet the £25,000 bill to cover costs.

Notice to quit

Oldham rugby league club, has served notice to quit on the town's greyhound stadium. Oldham greyhounds club on a 20-year lease which expires in August.

Ghana protest

Accra (Reuter) - Ghana has protested to the World Boxing Council over the decision to award the world super-flyweight title to Moon Sung-kil. of South Korea, after his bout carlier this month with Nana Konadu, of Ghana, the holder, was stopped.

Reversal by ACO on Le Mans race

with FISA, which announced the race's cancellation after the organizing club had failed to apologize publicly for what the governing body refers to as "a campaign of defamation" against it. This was a reference to the ACO's contention that FISA

was more interested in the race's commercial rights than with the safety aspects and that the issue of the seven kilometre Mulsanne straight, which had been introduced by FISA at a late stage in the dispute, was a smokescreen aimed at hiding the real issue. Last year, the Le Mans race was removed from the world championship calendar after the failure of the ACO and FISA to reach agreement over television and other commercial rights. Earlier this week the ACO

announced that two chicanes were to be inserted into the Mulsanne straight to meet the recently announced FISA ruling that no circuit would be sanctioned for international racing which had a straight more than two kilometres

long.
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The Automobile Club de saved the world's most signifi-L'Ouest (ACO) have been cant endurance race, subject forced to reverse yesterday's to the FISA circuit inspection announcement that the Le team being satisfied that the Mans 24 hours sports car race necessary work had been put would take place on June 16 in hand. However, in yes and 17. Yesterday, the ACO terday's statement, FISA lost its long running battle described an announcement by the ACO on Tuesday, that

the race would take place, as

faise and that no serious

guarantees had been given by

the ACO that the necessary chicanes would be built. There has been a history of conflict between the two bodies, and their failure to resolve their differences, whether they revolve around safety, money or merely egos, is another serious scar on the already tarnished image of motor racing

It is a particularly bitter blow for those teams for whom the annual appearance at Le Mans and the promotional value they derive from it, is central to their support of endurance racing and the justification for the huge financial investment involved in their total racing programme.

Six-day for Elliott Malcolm Elliott, the Sheffield cyclist who won the points classification in the Tour of Spain last year, begins bis second season with the Telateam when he competes in the Ruta del Sol six-day race, starting in Marchille on Trustale. ing in Marbella on Tuesday.

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